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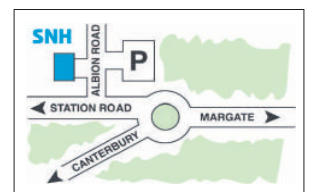


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LET'S GO FLY A KITE

Spirits were sky-high on Margate beach last Saturday and Sunday. The main sands hosted the colourful Big Sky Kite Festival 2008 in the glorious English sunshine.

Kite-fliers from dozens of countries sailed in to entertain the seaside crowds with their flying creations of all shapes and sizes.

This giant panda kite proved one of the most popular attractions and scores of other spectators brought their own kites or joined in with kite-building workshops to take to the sky themselves.

EXCLUSIVE

■ BY TOM BETTS

TWO Ramsgate grammar schools have agreed to operate under a single board of governors in the first step towards a merger.

Control of Clarendon House and Chatham House schools will be combined after Christmas if the plans get the go-ahead.

The schools will maintain independent identities but be governed by the same body – which will be known as a federation.

An executive head-teacher will oversee them, with a head of school operating on the separate sites.

The Kent Test will still determine who goes to the schools, which will initially remain on their current sites.

However, in a letter sent out to Clarendon House friends, supporters and parents, it is stated that as part of the Building Schools For The Future programme, new buildings will appear on the Chatham House campus with a view to a "co-location of the two schools".

Chatham House head-teacher John Matthews said: "If the consultation goes through, there will be one governing body after Christmas and the governors will be made up of existing members of both governing bodies."

He added: "We wouldn't have got the money to rebuild the two schools if we had not gone down the federation route."

He added: "It's hugely exciting. Between us we have 500 youngsters in our sixth forms and it will give huge opportunities."

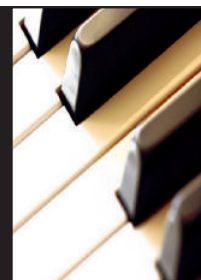
"Hopefully we will be able to retain what is best of the old and have new buildings. The proposals are to keep the schools separate, so we'll teach girls and boys separately, which enables us to keep the best of both worlds."



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SERVED: Despite receiving notice from the taxman, Margate FC are confident of the future

Blues reassure fans: club's not under threat

■ BY TOM BETTS

MARGATE Football Club have been served a winding-up petition by HM Revenue and Customs.

The Blues are in trouble with the taxman over unpaid fees and have now delayed the development of home ground Hartsdown Park until March 2009.

However, despite fears the club could go under, majority shareholder Keith Piper reassured fans the club's future is not under threat.

He told football weekly The Non League Paper: "We are confident the future of the club will be secure."

"The work will start on developing the ground in March rather than January and that has made them a bit jumpy."

"We have a couple of avenues to explore to find the money in the meantime and the club directors will be meeting this week to discuss these."

"I'm not prepared to discuss what we have in the pipeline or how much we owe, but I'm confident the situation will be resolved this week and the money can be paid off."

Tom McKenna, chairman of the Margate Independent Supporters Association, is confident that Mr Piper will pull the club through.

He said: "Keith says it'll be fine, it will be fine. He has guided the club through more than this and we have faith he will get the club through this."

Director Colin Page also confirmed the club would now be looking at March, rather than January, to start work on the stadium and that a meeting of the directors had been called to discuss the situation.

The club also made a statement on its website last week.

It said: "This second petition relates to the same monies owing from the previous CVA. The club is investigating a number of possible avenues and will report more as soon as decisions are made."

Margate have had a mixed start to the new season.

They were knocked out of the FA Cup by Worthing in the first qualifying round and are near the bottom of the Ryman Premier League, although they had an excellent win on Saturday.

The start follows a summer of boardroom wrangling which saw former chairman Malcolm Rowlett depart and Mr Piper take control.

The club dismissed manager Rob in Trott shortly before the end of last season and he was replaced by former Gillingham defender Barry Ashby.

Ex-Wales manager and Leeds player Terry Yorath was also brought in as the club's director of football.

Blot on the landscape is transformed into homes

A BUILDING described as an "eyesore" by Thanet council is to be converted into flats.

The property at 77 Eastern Esplanade, Cliftonville, which had been in disrepair for over 20 years, has been brought into use as affordable housing, after more than a year's worth of conversion work.

It has been a key target of the council's empty properties campaign in recent years, after it became a major problem with serious structural defects.

Scaffolding had to be erected to protect the public from falling masonry and two chimney stacks had to be demolished.

The owner died and ownership had passed to various family members throughout Saudi Arabia. Tracing the beneficiaries became a major task and after failing to track them down, the council was left to foot the bill for the work. This was then registered as charges against the property at the Land Registry, giving the council the opportunity to use a law dating back over 80 years, thought to be the first time it had been used in Kent.

A sale was enforced on the property in April 2007.

Town and Country Housing Group, one of the council's preferred affordable housing partners, has been working to bring the property, which will become one- and two-bedroom flats, into use.

The flats will be offered on a shared ownership basis allowing people on a low income to own part of the equity of the property and acquire more at a later stage when they can afford to.

The flats range in price from £100,000 to £140,000.

Youngster's film to show at festival

A BUDDING young film-maker from Ramsgate will have her film screened at the Co-operative Young Film-Makers Festival on Thursday and Friday, October 9-10.

Kelly Palmer's film Victims will show at Bradford's National Media Museum.

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Credit crunch, crumble and desserts nice as pie

Sweet success of money-saving home baking

■ BY TOM BETTS

BIRCHINGTON'S ice cream king Richard Hill and his wife Gillian have come up with a plan to beat the credit crunch.

Not even the sale of deserts is immune to the tough economic climate and the pair have turned their back on mass-produced cash and carry goods in favour of home baking to pull in the punters.

The pair say their new strategy is pleasing sweet-toothed customers who prefer the time, effort and taste now available at the Birchington Ice Cream Parlour in Minnis Road, Birchington.

Richard, 55, said: "Gillian makes all the cakes and deserts upstairs, she's gone the whole nine yards. She started with the simple things but she seems to have developed a real talent for it and has developed a whole range of desserts. We've had some terrific comments."

The couple and are delighted their efforts are paying off and are swearing by the traditional methods now being employed.



TRADITIONAL: Richard Hill's ice cream parlour is enjoying the many benefits of his wife's talent for home-made desserts

He added: "Trade had slowed down but we are busier now. It really has had an effect and although I couldn't put an exact figure on it, it's certainly saved us money. We'd always just gone to the cash and carry but it was proving so expensive we thought we'd try and do it like this."

Sales of treats such as apple pie, rice pudding, traditional trifle, coconut and lemon drizzle cake, treacle tart, lemon meringue pie, Bakewell tart, bread and butter pudding, banoffee pie and fruit crumble, have been rising fast since Gillian got her mixing bowl out and started cooking up a storm.

Proving particularly popular is the apple pie and sticky toffee pudding.

Richard said: "We had a comment from one guy who eats a lot of the toffee pudding all over Kent and he said it was the best he'd ever tasted so that was nice to hear."

Waitress Dawn Reed has worked at the parlour for three years.

She said: "It's been great fun looking through all our recipe books seeing what we can come up with. I think Gillian has found her true calling. She's doing a brilliant job you only have to look and taste the desserts to know that"

Physicist Paul is top of the class

A RAMSGATE student has been named as one of the top ten GCSE students in Britain for French and physics.

Paul Mabey, 17, is celebrating the fact that out of 7,387 candidates in physics he came in the top ten, according to exam board EdExcel.

Paul, a pupil at St Lawrence College since the age of seven, also sat the GCSE French examination in June, with results almost as impressive.

He said: "I was delighted about the results. It's a real honour to be told that you are in the Top 10 nationwide and a great reward for all the hard work!"

Jerry Jarvis, EDEXCEL's managing director said: "This is a tremendous achievement and testament to the hard work students put into preparing for their exams. We send our congratulations to Paul."

Paul has just entered his last upper sixth form year at St Lawrence College and is now working hard for his A2 level subjects.

He hopes to study physics at university.

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The China Gateway public meeting in Broadstairs. Search 'china'

Isle has more on job benefit than anywhere else in county

THE isle has a higher number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance than anywhere else in Kent.

According to figures released by the Office for National Statistics last week, 2,563 residents of the area claim the benefit, which accounts for 3.5 per cent of the isle's total population.

Of that number, 1,910 are males and 653 are females.

The next highest region in the county is Shepway (Folkestone, Hythe and Romney Marsh), with 1,484 people claiming JSA, accounting for 2.6 per cent of that population.

Swale's figure for claimants is 1,686, Gravesham's is 1,412 and Canterbury's is 1,314.

Dover comes next with 1,272, followed by Maidstone with 1,170 and then Ashford with 964.

On contribution-based JSA, claimants aged 16-17 and 18-24 get £47.95, while those aged 25 or over claim up to £60.50.

Income-based JSA means typically the rates remain the same, but can change if claimants are part of a couple or have children.

Supporting small traders is a big business for town

THANET council will implement a task force operation to help Margate's traders.

The task force will be led by cabinet member for commercial and environmental services, Cllr Shirley Tomlinson and its formation is aimed at addressing some of the concerns raised by businesses.

The council say it will be part of renewed efforts to help support the traders and regenerate the town at a time of national economic unrest and follows a meeting in Margate.

The meeting, chaired by Thanet council's chief executive Richard Samuel, gave traders the chance to voice their concerns directly to senior council representatives.

Included were discussions on business rates and hardship relief, as well street cleaning, the impact of roadworks, future plans for the regeneration of Margate and the impact of Westwood Cross.

As a result the council has agreed to a number of actions to help

address some of these worries. Concerns on the agenda are parking, the pedestrianisation of the high street, cleanliness and the possibility of increasing the number of street cleaners in town.

Meanwhile, The Margate Renewal Partnership is also planning to bid for European money to fund a scheme to improve lighting for key buildings on the seafront.

Council leader Sandy Ezekiel said: "We fully acknowledge that in the current economic climate traders are feeling the pinch."

"The success of Westwood Cross has affected trade in Margate, that's a fact. We hope that by targeting core services, such as street cleansing, to the main areas of need in the town, we can help to make a difference to businesses."

"Margate has two of the most deprived wards in the South East and it's important to reassure residents we will continue with our regeneration efforts."

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And it is thanks to YOU – our readers and advertisers – that we have been a success, for which every one of us is extremely grateful.

Supermarkets were the major venues for the celebrations as readers joined KOS Media staff – including the roadrunners who hand out the newspapers – for a slice of cake amid the commemorative balloons.

This year has seen the series establish a major foothold in the county's highly competitive newspaper market, with your local paper becoming a part of readers' lives. Each paper delivers a weekly dose of the best news, sport and leisure – all for free – to create a winning blend.

Roadrunners

Our roadrunners have become an established sight in town and city centres across Kent, handing the papers out. Meanwhile, newsagents, garages and other local stores continue to report copies been snapped up just minutes after hitting the shelves.

KOS Media's distribution manager Barbara Coker has the task of co-ordinating the distribution of the 120,000 issues of the nine papers.

She said: "We all had a very good reason to celebrate. Readers and advertisers all joined in and had the chance to talk to those who give out the papers and get to know them."

"In the past 12 months the roadrunners have become an established part of the high-street scene and a very welcome one."

Readers have become so accustomed to the sight of the representatives of our papers that they have started to inform them of upcoming events and news stories they feel should be covered.

The roadrunners are now a source for getting the news in – rather than just putting it out.

Mrs Coker added: "It's great that we have established such a rapport with the reading public. Feedback is the most important thing for a local paper so that it can truly become the voice of the community and reflect the concerns of residents in any particular area."

"It is the intention of our local papers to do just that – to reflect what is going on in the towns and villages across the county



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Readers and roadrunners gathered at distribution points across the county to celebrate the first birthday of all the Yourpaper editions

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Town's new swimming pool: the wait goes on

PLANS to build a new swimming pool in Ramsgate have been put on hold, it has been confirmed.

A report was submitted to Thanet council's cabinet on Thursday night detailing the extent of the money problems surrounding the project.

The authority's officers say they are concerned the cost of a new pool cannot be met, as revealed by Yourthanet earlier this month.

The new pool was to be funded by the selling of buildings under the council's asset management plan, but the economic climate has seen the value of some properties put in doubt, if they can be sold at all.

Cllr Jo Gideon, cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods, health and communities, said: "It's sad we've had to take this decision to put the project on hold for the moment, but in the current economic climate it was inevitable."

■ BY TOM BETTS

"Income through land and property sales is likely to be a lot lower than we had anticipated, due to the impact of the credit crunch."

However, there is a glimmer of light in the form of the Government's free swimming proposals, which could kick-start the plans.

Money totalling £60 million has been set aside to help with the building and modernisation of pools.

To qualify for this funding, councils have to sign up to the programme, which is made up of two separate elements.

An annual sum of £48,966 would cover free swimming for over-60s from April 2009, while free swimming for the under-16s would also be awarded a yearly grant, although the exact figure has yet to be confirmed.

Thanet council has expressed an interest in both tiers of the programme, and proposals to bid for the funding will be discussed at a cabinet meeting in October.

Cllr Gideon said: "We still remain committed to improving swimming facilities in Thanet and that's why this report is being brought before cabinet."

"It offers an alternative way forward for the plans for Ramsgate swimming pool and, at the same time, provides the possibility of free swimming for those aged 60 and over or 16 and under."

She added: "The Government's new funding programme may give us a potential way forward and that's why the cabinet agreed to go forward with the free swimming programme and the bid for funding for Ramsgate swimming pool. If this proves to be successful, then it will help to put the project back on track."

Cannabis plants are destroyed after raid

ANOTHER cannabis factory has been discovered on the isle by police.

A rented house in Beech Road, Cliffsend, was being used to cultivate some 1,000 plants.

It was discovered after neighbours alerted the police, who raided the house on Wednesday last week.

The plants, with a street value of up to £250,000, have been destroyed.

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The Big Sky Kite Festival 2008 on Margate's main sands. Search 'kite'



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The store's Gillian Turner said: "We are too sentimental to throw them away, so if you know who they belong to, then get in touch. It's possible they dropped out of wallets or purses of people who came in."

The first picture shows a man with slicked-back hair and wearing a white shirt, and looks as if it may have been taken in a residential garden. The second shows two men dressed in army fatigues and has Shorncliffe written on the bottom.

If you know who these belong to, if they are yours, or if you can help, phone 01843 866091.

Campus opens up for viewing

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Canterbury Christ Church University's Broadstairs campus director Andrew Gower said: "New degrees such as photography and music industry management give an added dimension to the range of innovative courses available. We very much look forward to welcoming visitors to this friendly, supportive and high-quality campus."

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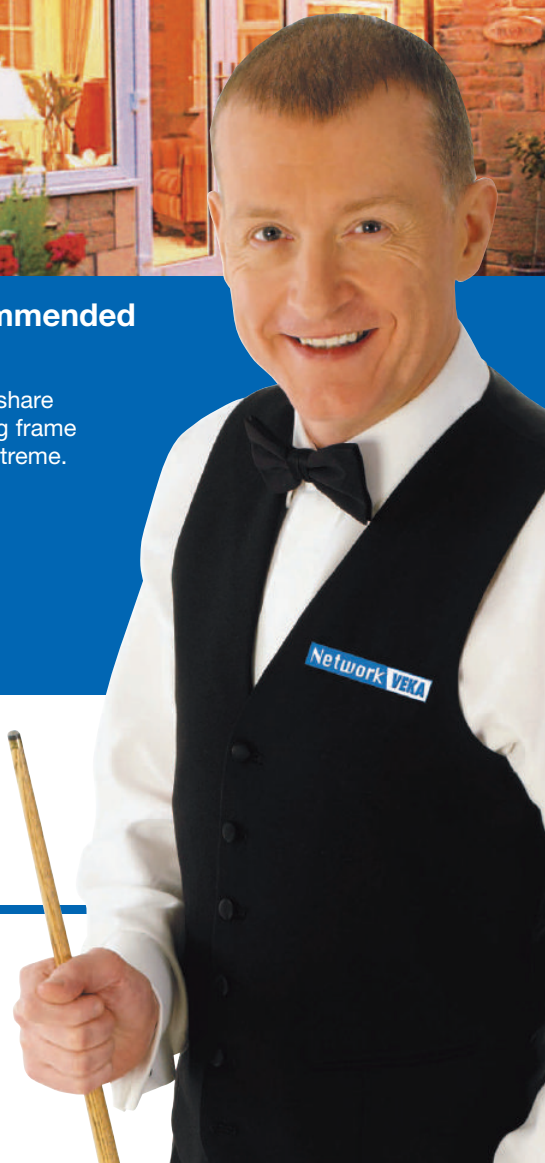
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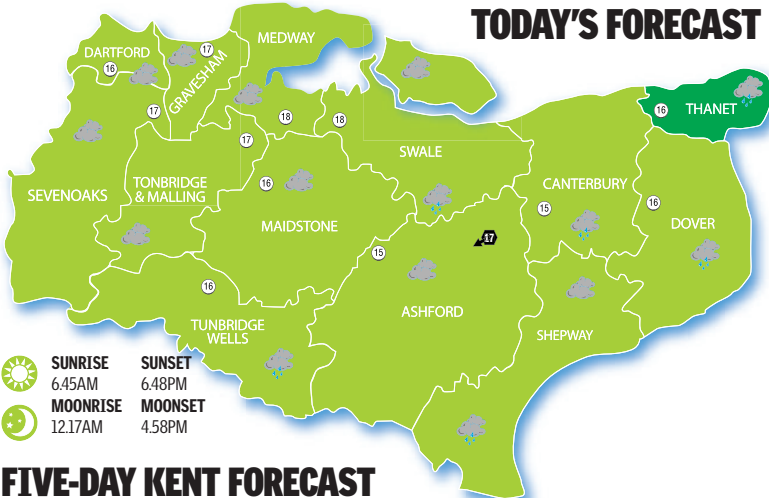
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Chatham	Saturday	9:55am	4.9m
	Sunday	11:12am	5.3m
Dover	Saturday	8:51am	5.6m
	Sunday	9:53am	6.0m
Dungeness	Saturday	8:16am	6.0m
	Sunday	9:33am	6.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	9:21am	4.3m
	Sunday	10:23am	4.6m
Sheerness	Saturday	9:43am	4.8m
	Sunday	11:00am	5.1m
Whitstable	Saturday	9:56am	4.5m
	Sunday	11:10am	4.9m



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Chatham	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	17°C	Ramsgate	16°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	17°C
Dartford	16°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	Rochester	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	17°C
Dover	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	16°C	Sevenoaks	14°C	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C
Faversham	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	17°C	Sittingbourne	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	17°C
Folkestone	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	16°C	Tonbridge	15°C	16°C	18°C	17°C	18°C
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Wind farm blows a fine wind to port

CONSTRUCTION of a huge wind farm off the county's coast will boost the port of Ramsgate, it is hoped.

Thanet Offshore Wind Ltd (TOW) has signed a lease with Thanet council to run an operations and maintenance base which will be situated in the town's Military Road warehouse.

It has signed up for 40 years and will employ a 25-strong team of engineers and also use port office space to oversee the operation.

Work on a substation at Richborough, which will feed the electricity produced by the turbines back into the national grid, is already under way.

The firm plans to start installing the foundations which will support the turbines this year.

Project director Mark Petterson said: "We're expecting all construction work to be complete by the end of next year. The 25 people will be taken on by our contractors Vestas and it's up to them when they start, but I expect they will start hiring early next year."

Activity levels will "increase further in Spring 2009", according to TOW.

The wind farm will be 7.5 miles from Foreness Point and it is hoped it will produce energy for some 240,000 homes.

Patrick Jarman, of the Thanet branch of Friends of the Earth, said: "It is good news. There is always debate about wind farms as to their long-term effectiveness but, from an environmentalist's point of view, I can't see the energy companies investing as much as they do in them without them believing in them."

"Projects like this need to happen - we need to think seriously about renewable energies."

As part of the project a new pontoon will also be built.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

NATASHA HILL



Q What brings you to Thanet?

A I've lived in Thanet for 13 years and now live in Ramsgate with my husband Andy and our sons, aged 12 and six. When I'm not working I enjoy getting together with friends and our children and having fun.

Q How did you become a personal shopper?

A I've always been interested in fashion and design. After a 15-year career in window dressing, this was a natural progression. My job involves looking at an individual's style, body shape, colouring and listening to what they say about their lifestyle, or about the occasion they're dressing for. I then put together a couple of outfits I know will suit them. It saves people time – and money – in finding exactly what suits them in just one visit.

Q Is it expensive to use a Debenhams personal shopper?

A My services are absolutely free for Debenhams customers! The customer is under no obligation to buy. I've got the pick of all the concessions and designer labels under one roof at Debenhams and I keep a constant eye on what's new in store.

Q What are the most frequent requests you have as a personal shopper?

A Some clients are going to a special occasion, such as being the mother of the bride,

or going for an important job interview. Others just want a hand putting together a wardrobe that's going to work from day to evening.

Q Give us a tip as to what we should all be wearing this winter

A There are six key trends this autumn/winter: folk – a winter ethnic look with a handcrafted feel; new Gothic – a dark romantic trend with hints of punk and Goth; heritage – vintage-influenced, taking inspiration from the 40s and 50s; bad girls – think partygoer-cum-supermodel, this is a total London look; minimal – understated, stylish, less is more; and siren – which is inspired by the red-carpet glamour of the Hollywood heroines of the 30s and 40s.

Q What's the most common style mistake most of us make?

A Buying something on impulse that doesn't go with anything and that ends up hanging in your wardrobe constantly reminding us how much money we wasted on buying it. Shop sensibly – for example, don't feel you've got to wear black just because it's fashionable. If it drains the colour from your skin, you can try charcoal-grey instead, a plum shade or navy, or put a coloured scarf at your neck to lift the black. It's the importance of understanding what colours suit us that led me to train and set up as an independent image consultant based at Westwood Cross. I'm also a member of the Federation of Image Consultants.

Q Whose style do you most admire?

A I'd describe my own style as eclectic, but I really like the vintage look with an artistic twist. Erin O'Connor, Keira Knightley and Drew Barrymore are a few of the women whose style I admire. It's not just the stars who use stylists and image consultants to look good – everyone can have access to this service. Not only can having an image update help boost your appearance, it can increase your confidence and self-esteem, which in turn can help you get the job you want and feel good about yourself, whatever the social situation.

Q Can you ever be too old to still be fashionable?

A No, absolutely not. Just because you don't feel comfortable wearing extreme high fashion any more doesn't mean you can't pick from current trends.

Q What's your next project?

A I'm organising a fashion show on Friday, October 17, at the Winter Gardens in Margate to raise money for a very good cause, the East Kent Unit for Breast Screening. All the outfits are being supplied by Debenhams at Westwood Cross. I'm hoping to see a lot of Thanet faces in the audience.

• For information on Natasha's freelance consultancy and colour analysis, visit www.thestylesociety.co.uk

Q & A

The stylist and image consultant talks to **Tom Betts** about developing your own look, resisting impulse buying and how anyone can benefit from her skills and use her as a personal shopper for free

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Only fools would miss out on this convention

BY ANNA WHITE

FANS of treasured British sitcom *Only Fools and Horses* will get the chance to meet some of their idols at an event this weekend.

More than 1,500 visitors are expected to flock to the convention at Mote Park Leisure Centre in Maidstone on Sunday to meet stars of the show.

They will also be able to see memorabilia from the multi award-winning show, including the famous three-wheeled van and some of Del Boy's more outlandish outfits.

Enthusiasts can buy rare items from the programme in an auction and will even have the chance to sit in Del Boy's chair and contemplate 'get rich quick' schemes, as the convention features a faithful recreation of the Trotters' flat.

After eleven years of touring the country this is the first time the official fan club's show will head to Kent.

Perry Aghajanianoff, president of the Only Fools Appreciation Society, said: "So far the response has been tremendous. Our perfect demographic was the Essex man, as historically Essex is the old East End, but maybe it's now Kent."

"I'm quite excited about it. The show's got an affinity with Kent because the Jolly Boys Outing episode was filmed in Margate. That's most people's favourite episode, so it's like bringing it home."

Among the actors due to appear are Roger Lloyd Pack, who played the loveable dimwit Trigger, and Paul Barber, who played Denzil, the hapless Scouser frequently in trouble through his involvement with Del Boy's ludicrous schemes.

Patrick Murray, better known as Mickey Pearce, Roy Heather who played Nag's Head landlord Sid, and Ben Smith, the last actor to play Del Boy's son Damien, are also due to attend.

According to Mr Aghajanianoff, the actors are happy to revisit the past and meet fans,



TROOPERS: Many members of the cast will be at the convention signing autographs for enthusiastic fans

The club first began for his own amusement but soon grew into a success and became the appreciation society with greater involvement with the show.

"I've been in episodes three times, usually as 'man in pub', he said. "Some of the scenes have all my friends in the background. Sometimes they would say they needed a crowd and I would get 250 people together in a few days. I would be able to say 'there's my milkman or my postman'."

The show came to an end with a Christmas day special in 2003, but its following still lives on and is passed on to the next generation with children as young as five turning up to events dressed as the beloved Del Boy.

The convention starts at 10am and is due to finish at 6pm, however, Mr Aghajanianoff says that, from previous experience, the day usually carries on for longer due to the long queues waiting for autographs.

Tickets cost £5 and can be bought online by visiting www.onlyfools.net. Under tens get free entry.

despite there not having been a new episode for five years.

"In the past they've been signing for nine hours without a break. They're real troopers," he said. "Everyone gets their autograph, though we have a fair use policy. Autographs and photo opportunities are free."

Mr Aghajanianoff, 44, has been running the fan club since 1993 and can now boast 10,000 members worldwide.

Therapy CD aims to help dogs cope on Bonfire Night

THE RSPCA is appealing to dog-owners to start preparing pets for Bonfire Night by using sound therapy to minimise the distress caused by exploding fireworks.

The number of fireworks related calls received by the RSPCA's national control centre rose to 940 in 2007 - more than double the 456 received in 1999.

In a bid to reduce this number, the RSPCA has endorsed the Sounds Scary CD therapy pack, produced by Sound Therapy 4 Pets.

This can be used to help dogs learn to be less afraid of loud fizzes and bangs in the build up to the traditional Bonfire Night celebrations, with a two-CD pack featuring a wide variety of fireworks sounds, as well as thunder and gunshots.

Mark Evans, the animal charity's chief vet, said: "Fireworks and other loud noises are a source of great anxiety for many dogs."

Volume

"This year, the RSPCA's fireworks campaign is encouraging people to help treat and prevent their dogs' fireworks fears using the Sounds Scary CD - a scientifically proven therapy tool."

"We want owners to help their dogs become less afraid of fireworks noises well in advance of the fireworks season, rather than attempting and often failing to provide short-term fixes that have no long-term benefit."

The CD works by gradually allowing dogs to be less afraid of loud noises.

It should initially be played at a very low level, so that the dog shows no reaction to the noises.

The volume can then be gradually increased in the months leading up to November 5, until the dog doesn't react to the noises, even when the CD is played at moderate to full volume.

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Move to widen range of speed camera offences

DRIVERS not wearing seat belts, using mobile phones, or texting could soon be punished after being caught on speed camera.

The Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership wants to widen the range of offences it deals with beyond breaking speed limits and jumping red lights.

The controversial proposals will be discussed by a meeting of Kent's Assistant Chief Constables on Tuesday, September 30 after getting the approval of Kent County Council.

Likely testing ground is the Medway towns – but nothing has yet been finalised.

The move comes after the speed camera group received new video equipment which makes identification of drivers easier.

But it would still mean motorists would have to be using a mobile phone when passing the cameras for the proposed new ruling to be enforced.

Similar regulations are currently in operation in Surrey and Hampshire, according to Chris Rogers, project manager for the Kent camera operators.

He said: "While we are doing our job our operators see a number of other offences which they have up to now ignored.

"The idea is that they widen their remit to include such things as seat belts and phones.

"If an operator did witness an offence such as a driver on the phone the idea is that they would note the time and registration of the car on a pad. Back up video would then further strengthen the case.

"But we would have to be very sure, someone might well have their hand up to the side of their head while driving, but maybe they are suffering from toothache.

"Alternatively a motorist's hand may be off the wheel and it may be that they are texting below the level of the dashboard. But they may also be attempting to brush a wasp away.

"So we will have to be very sure an offence has been committed before taking any action."

What punishments will be dished out in the event of the plans coming into force has yet to be decided.

Mr Rogers said: "The final decision is with the police now."



Flight of mercy

Invicta star James in air ambulance fund-raising dash

■ BY NICK AMES

INVICTA FM breakfast show presenter James Heming was challenged live on air this week to go head to head with fundraisers from the Kent Air Ambulance – in a competition to see who could raise the most cash.

Monday marked the start of an awareness week organised by the lifesaving helicopter's operators as well as five days of raising cash necessary to keep it airborne.

James said: "They issued a challenge and I responded. It is one of the most important services in the county and assists many people when they are in real danger.

"I was very happy to help."

The Air Ambulance Trust sent out its team in a vehicle and they toured supermarkets – offering to bag up people's shopping in exchange for donations.

Meanwhile James took to the air – courtesy of a helicopter belong to air ambulance supporters aviation company AV8.

He soon arrived at the office of the Kent Children's Information Service in Maidstone where he picked up a donation of £100.

Mark Bentley, Gillingham FC club captain, met him at the teams training ground and handed over an autographed shirt and ball, together with five pairs of match tickets.

Hospital Lane Dental clinic along Blue Bell Hill then signed over a cheque for £250 with Kent Reliance Building Society donating £650. He then dropped in on Dickens World in Chatham, Lydden Hill race track and Herne Bay Golf Club before heading back to the station's studio.

A spokeswoman for the trust said: "The challenge formed the start of an important week for us when it comes to raising money and awareness.

"People will be out all week explaining



RACE AGAINST TIME: (clockwise) James Heming with Gills captain Mark Bentley; collecting £100 from the Kent Children's Information Centre; after picking up a £2,000 cheque from Heron Helicopters at Herne Bay Golf Club and in the helicopter during his whistlestop tour of the county

what we do and asking for help from members of the public.

"The air ambulance is called out on average between three and four times a day – half of these shouts are usually road traffic accidents but we also assist people hurt in the home or in industrial incidents.

"We are online 365 days a year and follow-

ing statistics which showed air ambulances made a difference in only three per cent of incidents we put doctors on board.

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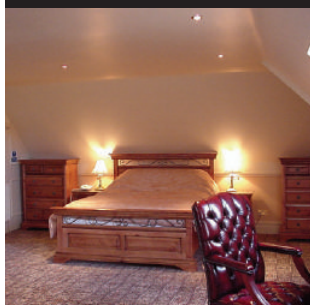
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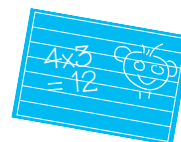
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Choir bangs its own drum

THANET Percussion School took one of the top awards at the annual National Festival of Music for Youth in Birmingham.

The drummers were invited to perform among eight elite percussion ensembles from around the UK and won the award for the best overall composition.

The players have been invited to the coveted Schools Prom at the Royal Albert Hall in London in November. And on top of that they were asked to play at this month's TUC national conference at The Brighton Centre.

Technical excellence and imaginative and lively performances have earned the musicians plaudits wherever they have performed over the years, under musical director Molly Hollman, who co-ordinates classes held at

Chatham House Grammar School in Ramsgate.

The community percussion school impressed judges and spectators with an updated reworking of its energetic and innovative piece Chairs, which is in the style of the world-renowned 'junk' ensemble, Stomp.

It also won praise for another innovative work called Music In Detention, which develops into a samba rhythm on hand drums.

The community drumming groups were developed at Chatham House through Lottery funding.

The school's head-teacher, John Mathews, said: "The percussion school is an integral part of the music scene in Thanet and beyond, and praise goes to all the players."

Sport lessons are above par

GOLF is proving a real hit at one school.

The sport has come to the fore as one of the fastest-expanding sports at junior level in the UK and young players at Chatham House Grammar School in Ramsgate are being encouraged to take up the game.

Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, the school held its second annual golf day for students, parents and friends.

The event took place at the St Augustine's course and for many of the younger players it was their first taste of playing these holes.

Local businesses sponsored the holes on the course, and £500 was raised from green fees to boost funds for the school's PE department.

The junior prize and trophy were won by Conor Bird from year 11. He recorded 43 Stableford points playing off a handicap of 26.

Robert Blanchard was second with 41 points, while Jack Young was third with 40 points.

The adult prize was won by Doug Young with a superb score of 46 points, while Max Orris and Conor Bird won the nearest to the pin and longest-drive competitions in the juniors.

Alan Hudson won the longest drive for adults, while CHS PE teacher Paul Bundy won the nearest to the pin contest for adults,

BY TOM BETTS

although colleagues say he was "extremely fortunate with a mis-hit tee shot that scuttled along the floor to about seven feet from the flag".

A hidden holes competition for juniors – with six holes selected at random – was won by Nick Chapman with a 17-point total including an eagle two on the fifth.

Students currently enjoy weekly lessons with Manston pro Dave Vernon and inter-house and inter-school fixtures are being developed.

Golf organiser at CHS is PE teacher Aaron Setterfield, who said: "It is important for students who are not keen on contact sports like rugby to have an interesting alternative, and golf fits the bill."

"Interest in the sport in schools is growing dramatically and we are pleased to be taking the lead by giving our boys in years 7 to 11 the chance to learn a whole range of skills."

The school is also part of the Thanet Schools Sports Partnership initiative, which promotes Tri-Golf, a version of the game using lightweight plastic clubs and equipment to teach the basic skills.

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BREAK TIME



SMASHING: Boxer Barry McGuigan cooks up a treat in the kitchen at Wellesley House School

Champ mashes his way to prize

CHAMPION boxer Barry McGuigan showed that his famous mashed potatoes are still knockout at a Broadstairs school.

The Irishman, and famous Kent resident took part in a mashed potato challenge at Wellesley House School, beating head-teacher Simon O'Malley and school chef Kevin Read to the count.

The former world featherweight champion became well known for his mashed spuds when he participated in Hell's Kitchen under the watchful eye of Michelin-starred chef Marco Pierre White and was on top of his game again.

The September 12 event was organised by the Friends of Wellesley and was a sell-out.

Diners voted on whose potatoes they liked best. Mr Read came second, with Mr O'Malley in third place – proving he still has some work to do.

A great evening was had by all and proceeds went to providing outdoor activity equipment for the school.

Mr McGuigan sent two of his sons to Wellesley, a co-educational independent boarding and day school for children aged 7-13.

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JK Rowling's million will miss the family mark under Labour

SO the author who gave us Harry Potter – a single parent who clawed her way to fame and fortune by her own efforts – is rewarding Gordon Brown's Labour Party with a £1 million donation.

Because she believes they look after single parents and vulnerable families better than the Tories, whose promise to re-recognise marriage in the tax system offends her.

However, the gap between rich and poor has hardly shifted under a decade of Labour government. The statistics suggest that married couples stay together longer. Research tells us children of married couples do better, even when parents split up.

Given these simple facts, it would appear that JK Rowling would rather pretend that Labour does help poorer families than face the really important truth here: that marriage and family are the one true stable building block of our society, and we undermine it, and its inherent values, at our peril.

Labour has attacked the traditional family

unit throughout its time in power – from the mantras that declared the only good mum is a working mum to removal of any reference to marriage in government forms and the end of any tiny slice of taxation support for marriage.

Labour has, during the time it has had a traditional family unit in Downing Street, done more to destroy the idea of family than any previous government.

The number of marriages, making the lifelong commitment that marks success for so many family units, has never been lower. Divorces never higher. Those who saw parents live together without marrying, not seeing the need to marry or understanding the commitment involved... more numerous than ever.

The basic building block has been eroded, replaced with a sense of instant gratification that could come from a computer game.

The price is all around us. Absentee fathers, emotionally damaged children, loving security and solid foundations simply not available to many of our young people. And teachers and social workers pick up the bill on our behalf.

The answers are not all about money. Many families who have married and live in

the traditional way feel penalised for their lifestyle choice. They do not fit any focus or hard-to-reach group, so favoured by government spin doctors. They are, rather, simply the glue that holds much of our society together – whose contribution is ignored and denigrated at our peril.

And that is the real mistake JK Rowling has made... pretending that somehow there is a battle between the married and the single parent and only one can be encouraged and supported.

Too many families feel this government has left them behind in its race to promote every creed, culture and special interest group it can find. Married families are invisible to the Labour Party, unwelcome to its approach to life, and to be quietly shunted away into the past.

It is a huge error which will cost votes as struggling households take their revenge on government arrogance. Enjoy the money, Gordon, but do be sure you count the cost.

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Hollow job promise of China Gateway

• Open letter to Thanet council deputy leader Cllr Roger Latchford.

WE moved to the area just over two years ago, but while we are new residents we have been regular visitors to Thanet over the last 25 years, visiting my family who have lived in Westgate since the early 80s.

Over the years we have seen the decline and some of the recovery of the area in such developments as Westwood Cross and the emerging regeneration of areas of Ramsgate.

Having moved from an area with very high employment, inward investment and first-class education, the comparisons are not too favourable and I can understand how the potential of the China Gateway development may be seen as a potential boon to the area.

I am concerned and wish to express my concerns to you for onward representation.

This proposal will have a massively detrimental impact on the land stock in this very heavily over-built corner of the country.

The county, nation and indeed the world need every bit of agricultural land to be utilised for food production. Globally, food prices are rocketing and the carbon footprint associated with the long-distance transportation of foodstuffs is damaging the environment, so it makes sense to produce what we can locally on land that has been doing so for millennia.

Thanet simply cannot bear the permanent loss to concrete of more than 100 acres of land, not to mention the possible effect on the water supplies caused by the covering of a large surface area of the aquifers and the impact on an already chronically congested road network.

In my career as a managing director of a US-owned business based in the UK, with associates in

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China, I travelled there on business and also operated as a consultant to a Chinese business importing goods to Europe via the UK.

I can state with some conviction that the Chinese, who are very conscious of employment legislation, social costs of European employment, the salary expectations of British workers and, to be brutally frank, the productivity levels in the UK, will move heaven and earth to ensure that there are as few as possible requirements for UK-based labour involved in the 'route to market' for their products.

All the added value will be taken in China, with no requirement in the UK for sustainable and meaningful employment.

The job creation promise is a hollow one. While there will undoubtedly be some jobs, they will be low-level and potentially based on seasonal contracts and part-time; they will not bring significant cash benefit to the area with large numbers of well-paid employees spending their salaries in the area.

Thanet deserves continued and sustainable investment in education and sustainable job creation – and this will not solve the problem.

I have no idea what your personal and party position is on the subject as it is not stated on your website. However, I implore you to take note of my concerns and express them in the appropriate forum.

Robert Murray
Birchington

Laurel and Hardy council at it again

Thanet District Council's ability to catch on to something after it has peaked is legendary.

When the rest of the world, having lunched, leaves, TDC huffs and puffs its way into the dining

room to see if there are any crumbs left under the tables.

Whether it's building an art gallery when the vogue has passed, or constructing an out-of-town shopping centre on the cusp of a permanent energy crisis, or throwing up loads of flats just as the mortgage/financial crisis hits, TDC is confirmed as the johnny-come-lately to end them all.

I'm surprised it is not inviting companies to Thanet to make flared trousers, or 2006 calendars, or Austin Allegros.

Last week came the news that the Chinese yuan had risen fast against the dollar. Where you once got 15 yuan to the pound, you now only get 12.

Manufacturing costs in China are rising and, with the days of cheap energy gone, the cost of shipping goods 12,000 miles to Britain is becoming prohibitive.

China Gateway will almost certainly prove, in the immortal words of Oliver Hardy, "another fine mess".

Thanet has an industry waiting to be exploited, but it fails to recognise the potential: tourism.

So, keeping to form, it will wait on the pool edge to see if the water is too cold, too hot, too deep or too shallow before committing.

By which time all of the other resorts will have exploited the moment and we shall be left with... echoing warehouses.

Gerry O'Donnell
Ramsgate

Propaganda is hiding truth public deserves

IT is noticeable that the leaders of the anti-China Gateway activists seem to be the same union of individuals who are against everything.

It is also noticeable that those individuals are never there when work needs to be done for the common good of the isle.

Of course safety issues and other things are being addressed.

Nothing positive has ever been achieved by posting propaganda full of half-truths and scare stories.

The people of Thanet need to hear the facts, rather than be scared out of their wits by one-sided propaganda coming from those who appear to have their own political ambitions.

To read some of the anti-China Gateway junk mail that has been put through our letter-boxes recently, we could be forgiven for thinking that the Gateway is just about warehouses and China.

It must be said that most of the would-be protesters are decent people that appear to be taken in by the very professional propaganda put out by the scaremongers.

Ann Sanders
Margate

Ramsgate shows it should be listened to

ANN Sanders's letter (Yourthanet, September 10) warrants a reply.

The effective Ramsgate First campaign was just that – putting Ramsgate first.

For too long, Thanet – and in particular Ramsgate – has been overlooked, forgotten and neglected.

Those individuals who gave so much time and energy to the campaign should be proud of their achievements. Rightly so, with a Ramsgate town council in sight in the near future.

The response that the Ramsgate First team received in the town centre was just fantastic and encouraging. People from all over the island, and in particular Ramsgate, gave us their thoughts and views.

They had our vision and could see real potential here in Ramsgate and on the island.

Thanet is unique. Look at what we have. The Port of Ramsgate, Manston airport and improved road

links. These have to be plus points, but much more could be made of these assets. What about a better rail link?

Our councillors would do well and take a leaf out of our book and introduce themselves to the residents of Thanet.

Gerry O'Donnell, I note, has put himself forward in the forthcoming general election – and why not?

The man is passionate about Thanet and in particular Ramsgate – his commitment and interest are to be admired.

Likewise, my brother, Trevor Leslie Shonk, is UKIP's parliamentary candidate for Thanet South.

Anyone who knows him knows that he has Thanet's best interests at heart.

Good luck to both candidates. Information for Ann Sanders: Mr Trevor Leslie Shonk is UKIP's parliamentary candidate.

Mr Leslie Trevor Shonk is former treasurer of Ramsgate First. Ann, do get your facts right.

Why not concentrate your mind on Margate town council and then your town centre might not be in the sorry state that it's in today.

On a more serious note, what with developers in control on the island, it is more important than ever that we have a voice here in Thanet, and in particular Ramsgate.

Leslie Trevor Shonk
Ramsgate

Developers come out on top once more

WITH reference to recent correspondence regarding the large house in Berkeley Road, Birchington, and regarding building in general.

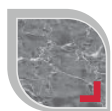
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There was a small narrow strip of land adjacent to me, and over several decades attempts to build

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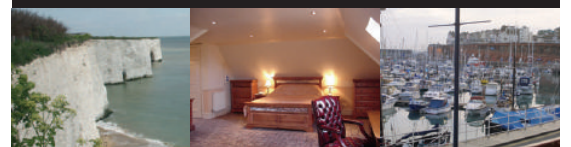
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on it were turned down.

About ten years ago, the owners applied to build a dozen garages, but with substantial objections that plan was also turned down.

But the owners appealed to the Department of the Environment, which, fortunately, upheld the council's decision.

Some three years ago, a plan was submitted for a house and, although subject to neighbours' objections, it was passed.

I appealed to the Department of the Environment, but I was told that as a third party I had no right of appeal.

Maurice Hewlett
Birchington

Community spirit is as strong as ever

I was sad to read the letter 'Ashamed to live in a thief's paradise' by Anon (Yourthanet, September 10).

I work for a local company with a very good CCTV unit and this is often called on by police.

The store staff in the letter were wrong to agree viewing under the Data Protection Act. This may even account for future reluctance.

This should not, however, make the writer feel let down.

They and the police, I'm sure, will have done the best they could.

Many stores will limit staff use of CCTV to minimise data corruption and misuse of the system.

Rest assured, the thief will do it again and will get caught, most likely due to help from privately-owned CCTV.

The community spirit does live on, but under very strict rules.

Everyone can help if they want to. Don't walk by – stand up for yourself and others.

T Martin
Ramsgate

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THE Thanet College arts and sciences department would like to thank a very generous gentleman who has given the department camera equipment for students to use.

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Christine Jeffries
Thanet College

I'm an Independent under my parish hat

Surely Robert Muir of Westgate-on-Sea is not deliberately trying to mislead Yourthanet readers – could it possibly be that he just finds it hard to accept the truth?

In his latest letter he implies that I am not really an Independent parish councillor, but actually a Conservative councillor.

Does he not understand there is no such thing in as a Conservative parish councillor in Thanet?

Next he will be telling us that the Pope is actually a member of the Church of England.

Like everyone else at parish (village) council level, I am an

Independent parish councillor, and the way that I vote at a general election is of no concern to Mr Muir

Cllr Jean Fleming
Birchington parish councillor

Don't you be so rude about a gentleman

I am astounded by the double standards of local socialist activist Cllr Iris Johnston.

In last week's Yourthanet she had the nerve to accuse Conservative Cllr Chris Wells of being rude to her comrade, Cllr Clive Hart.

Having met Cllr Wells, I find him to be a total gentleman and am not prepared to stand by and allow Iris to get away with what appears to be yet another case of her reverse psychology technique.

Charles Goddard
Westgate-on-Sea

Always the sun

EARLY in September I was fortunate to be able to spend a week's holiday on the wonderful Greek island of Santorini.

Each evening, huge crowds congregate across the island to see the incredible sunsets.

The sunsets certainly are incredible, but I also have to say that on this score at least, many of the sunsets viewed from Margate are just as spectacular.

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Cllr Clive Hart (Labour)
Cliftonville West ward

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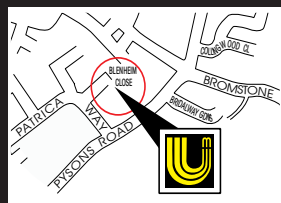


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venue it also offers wedding facilities, baby naming ceremonies, funeral teas, anniversaries

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The location of the hotel is one of its major strengths, with amazing views across Ramsgate harbour. With its high ceilings and modern décor it is a stylish place for a leisurely meal.

Best selling dish at the moment is prime fillet of steak with roasted flat mushrooms, grilled tomatoes, red wine and balsamic jus and chips.

The Kentish beef is bought fresh daily from local butchers and can be cooked to the customers' demands.

Richard Branson and Michael Winner have both been customers, as have many performers playing at nearby venues.

Since a takeover by GE Link, business has been booming and chef Saddek Salmi is proving popular with discerning diners.

Customers are becoming regulars – but their feedback is always welcome as the venue looks to constantly improve.

Satisfy your curiosity at the museum

■ Walpole Bay Hotel

ONE of the more unusual eateries in the area is the Walpole Bay Hotel and Museum.

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Current owner Jane Bishop is well versed in the history of the hotel.

She said: "It was founded in 1914 by the Budge family. Walpole stayed in their ownership down through the generations until we, the Bishop family, came along in 1995 to restore her to her former glory and continue in

the family-run tradition of a quality hotel and restaurant.

"We attract people from all over the world, not least because of our museum, but we are also renowned for the quality and variety of our home-cooked meals. Whether catering for 10 people or 110, the quality remains the same and we try to ensure everyone goes away satisfied with their repast."

Most popular dish at present is lamb fillet in redcurrant rosemary – it is so well thought of that staff even have emails from abroad asking if it will be available for their next visit.

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"We ensure that the kitchen contains everything necessary to produce what the menu offers and all dishes served should look appetising and tempting.

"Staff clear and reset tables quickly, quietly and efficiently.

"If delays in service are unavoidable, we make the client aware and offer compensation in some way.

"Many compliments are received verbally, regarding both the food and the beer. Many clients return frequently."

Flavours from around the world

■ Phileas Fogg

THE eatery called Phileas Fogg was established in July 1999 in a busy part of Broadstairs – Albion Street. The restaurant is fully licensed and can seat up to 44 people at any one time.

The menu is wide and varied, serving cuisine from around the world, as befits the venue's name.

The majority of the food is made on site using fresh ingredients and it reflects the culture and cuisine of places as varied and far apart as Thailand, India, France, Italy and China.

Favourite dishes on the menu include a Captain Nemo Selection, which incorporates fresh scallops, mussels, king prawns and tiger prawns steamed with white wine and fresh herbs and accompanied with salad and a bed of smoked salmon.

Also a popular choice is Chicken Milano – this is chicken stuffed with ricotta cheese and ham and baked in the oven.

Jeremy Poole said that "serving honest, uncomplicated food at competitive prices in a friendly, relaxed and unhurried atmosphere", was the key to his success.

Another big bonus for the venue is the close-ness to the popular local beach and promenade which attracts many visitors – particu-



larly in summer. Mr Poole added: "Being an experienced chef myself, my chef works under my instruction in the main. However, I always encourage input from all my chefs."

The restaurant's best selling dish is barbecued rack of ribs American style. Diners get a rack of pork ribs smothered in a hickory smoked barbeque sauce served with the restaurant's own hand-cut fries and crisp salad.

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Phileas Fogg

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STEP back in time and cross the English Channel for an evening of laughter as a beloved British comedy says 'Allo 'Allo.

Set in war-torn France, the popular BBC sitcom ran for more than 85 episodes.

The last episode was broadcast in 1992, with a reunion special last year, but now the farcical antics of René Artois and the motley characters who surround him has been brought to the stage.

Jeffrey Holland, former star of Hi-de-Hi!, takes over the role made famous by Gordon Kaye as the put-upon café owner. Vicki Michelle will return to her role as Yvette the sexy waitress who can't keep her hands off her boss while new actors will fill the roles of René's tone-deaf wife Edith, waitress Mimi, the drawling Officer Crabtree, Michelle of the French Resistance and his other well-known patrons.

The play follows one of the series' most famous storylines involving the legendary Fallen Madonna with the Big Boobies, a priceless painting by Van Klomp.

Stolen by German Colonel Von Strohm, René has been forced to hide it in a sausage in his cellar on the Colonel's behalf. While René and Edith attempt to keep the portrait for themselves, it is also wanted by Hitler who dispatches Gestapo agent Otto Flick to recover it.

Juggles

Trying to safeguard the painting is the least of René's problems, as he finds himself juggling the attentions of his two attractive waitresses.

Keeping his affairs with both secret from Edith causes him plenty of stress, but the French Resistance, led by Michelle, also makes demands on his time and sanity.

Embroidered in continuing failed attempts to return two bumbling British airmen to England, the Resistance constantly calls on René to risk life and limb to help them.

René dreads the moment when Michelle arrives in her beret and raincoat and, leaning close, hisses: "Listen very carefully, I will say ziz only once..."

Aided by the incompetent Englishman Crabtree, disguised as a gendarme and struggling with his terrible French – "Good moaning" – René battles to keep his head, his café and his life as he juggles the demands of his family, friends and the occupying forces.

Say 'bonjour' to the most wanted man in France when 'Allo 'Allo visits the Orchard Theatre next week.

Performances start at 7.45pm daily with 2.30pm matinees on Wednesday and Saturday. Tickets are priced from £14.50, concessions and family/group rates available. To book call the box office on 01322 220000 or visit the website at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.



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POOH JAZZ

Wednesday, September 24
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CHILDREN will tell a story of Winnie the Pooh with a jazzy twist this afternoon.

Richard Cooke, conductor of Canterbury Choral Society Youth Choir, will be working with more than 100 primary school children today in a jazz workshop. The children will then give a

performance of Pooh Jazz alongside the Youth Choir, which anyone is welcome to enjoy.

They will learn fun vocals and be taught two numbers from Pooh Jazz, based on AA Milne's story about the beloved character who eats too much honey and gets stuck in a hole. The story of Pooh's predicament has been set to music by David Nield, comprising five songs with upbeat rhythms that will be

narrated by the Youth Choir. Just one year old, the choir is made up of both boys and girls aged seven to 14. After just three months the choir performed at the Society's Family Carols in the Cathedral concert and have since performed with a number of respected choirs.

The concert will run from 4.30pm to 5pm. For more information about the choir visit www.canterburychoral.co.uk.

ROY HUDD

Sunday, October 5
Theatre Royal Margate

LEGENDARY comedian Roy Hudd will be among the stars raising money for charity next month.

The stage, screen and radio star will be treading the boards in aid of good causes at the Grand Order of the Water Rats' charity show. The special matinee performance will also feature singing star Joan Regan, BBC Radio Kent's Paul James, comedian Bryan Burdon and Scottish singer Gordon Cree. Also on the bill are Vincent Hayes, manager of Brick Lane Music Hall, and Terry Seabrooke from the Las Vegas Magic Castle. Local talent is represented by the Page-Mason Schools of Dance and Drama.

The oldest theatrical charity organisation in the world, the Grand Order of the Water Rats was formed in 1889. It can count a dazzling array of star names among its membership, both past and present, including Charlie Chaplin, Laurel & Hardy, Les Dawson, Sir Norman Wisdom and more.

The show starts at 2.30pm and tickets cost £15/£13. To book call 0845 1301786 or 01227 787787.

AMY WINEHOUSE

Thursday, October 2
The Pavilion, Broadstairs

GO back to black and enjoy the sound of Amy Winehouse when her songs are performed by a talented tribute act.

Amy Winehouse – otherwise known as Tania Alboni – sings all the songs on the Grammy award-winning vocalist's latest album Back to Black and some tracks from debut album Frank. She will be appearing along with James Mason who performs a tribute act to Michael Buble, and also a live DJ.

Alboni has been performing as Amy since July 2007 but she has been on the tribute circuit for more than 10 years. She began by touring with Stars in Their Eyes contestant Terry Nash, singing the female vocals in his Meatloaf show, and was also the lead female singer in The Commitments tribute band Mustangs Alley. She later developed a Cher impersonation and has taken her act to some amazing venues. Alboni has also impersonated Shania Twain and was asked to sing You're Still The One at England goalkeeper Paul Robinson's wedding.

The gig starts at 8pm and tickets cost £10 in advance, more on the door. To buy tickets visit www.loadedentertainment.co.uk.



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THANET LEISURE

Pop into the parlour for an artistic first on isle

THE work of Thanet artists can be viewed in Birchington this month.

Nine local artists are taking part in the exhibition at The Ice Cream Parlour in Minnis Road. Island Arts is a collaboration of artists based on the isle, bringing together a variety of styles, media and talents.

It is their first display and organisers hope Thanet residents will go along to support the exhibition.

Enjoy an improvisational evening On The Edge

ACCLAIMED improviser Kevin Tomlinson makes a welcome return to Thanet on Saturday.

The talented comedian is bringing On The Edge to the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club at the Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs, a new show about the highs and lows of life. Tomlinson is considered to be one of Britain's leading improvisation performers.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10 for members, £12 for non-members. To book call 0845 2626263.

Freaky captains will be sure to rock you at pub

MUSIC fans can enjoy a performance by 'hard rockin' freakshow' Captain Mildred this week.

The band will be playing a wide selection of punk/pop, 80s pop, classic rock, metal and possibly original songs at The Red Lion in King Street, Ramsgate, on Friday. To find out more visit the website at www.captainmildred.co.uk.

For more details about the venue call 01843 586713.

Bands travel from all points of the Compass

BANDS from across the country will travel to Thanet to take part in a gig this weekend.

DUN2DEF will come all the way from Milton Keynes to appear at Club Compass in High Street, Ramsgate, on Saturday, along with Danger's Close from Ipswich and other acts.

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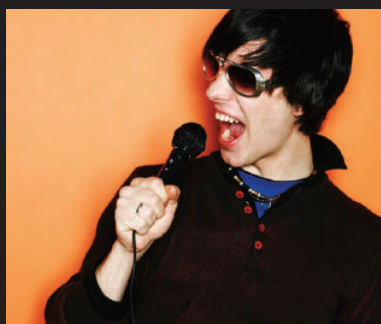
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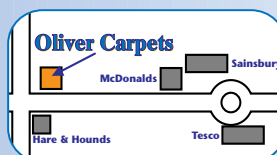
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Instrumentally rocking

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

ONE of the joys of contemporary popular music is there is something for everyone.

Cowboys and square dancers have country music, students have acid house, teenage girls have bubblegum pop and masochists have Take That.

Of course, the number of sub-genres branching off the mainstream pop, rock, indie, rap categories runs into the thousands, catering for every music fan's particular taste.

With this in mind, I bring you the county's leading self-titled 'instrumental stoner rockers' Sons of Alpha Centauri, guest band on The Ether.

Quite how big the instrumental stoner rock scene extends is anyone's guess, but SOAC are leading the way in Kent.

The Swale-based quartet, named after the brightest star in the constellation Centaurus and the third brightest star visible from Earth, have established themselves as pioneers of progressive, layered riff rock since forming in 2001.

Their focus is on recording complex, musical landscapes, drawing influences from the worlds of classic rock through to avant-garde experimentation.

Despite their epic sound, bassist Nick Hannon said writing was not an overly long-winded process: "Song writing is not difficult at all for us really. When we have exhausted all emotion in a concept thread then the track concludes naturally."

"Revisions are occasionally made to tracks for live performance but often we'll find the writing process is ongoing and non-exhaustive due to the wide spectrum of styles and experimental ideas we incorporate into our sound."

"We don't work within boundaries."

Nick added that the band were much happier in the studio than on the road, keeping the band true to their 'artistic integrity over commercial gain' ethos.

He said: "Writing new material and keeping it real is the way forward for this band. We



RARE: Sons of Alpha Centauri hardly ever play live, with their upcoming gig being their only one this year

don't play live much at all – it's not a priority – well at least not at the moment anyway.

"Some bands have just four songs and play a hundred shows. We'd rather play four shows and have a hundred songs."

"That way we guarantee each show will be unique and never again replicated."

SOAC fans will be pleased to hear the band is due to play their first gig in 18 months – and their only show this year – in Sheerness in December.

Nick said the next step was to release an album, saying: "We've got a new album coming out soon which is a collaboration with Yawning Man from the United States and it's some pretty groundbreaking material in the instrumental arena."

"That band has influenced a lot of instrumental acts around the world so working with them was pretty inspirational."

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YOUR TV REVIEW



MASSIVE

BBC Three, 10.30pm, Monday



QUESTION TIME

BBC One, 10.35pm, Thursday

■ BY TOM BETTS

BBC Three has hardly become a must-watch, national institution since its launch in 2003.

Aside from the now sadly departed and excellent Australian import Summer Heights High, most of the channel's schedule is TV-lite aimed at teenagers and I can count the number of good shows on the fingers of one hand.

But now I may have to get the other hand out as they have a charming winner in Massive.

This new sitcom sees two northern lads living out any discerning New Order fan's dream and setting up a record label of their own using £10,000 left to them in a nan's will.

The dearth of talent in their locality does not bode too well for the newly formed, and fittingly named, Shady Records who sign brazen, huge-bosomed podgy girl duo Here Kitty Kitty.

Putting their faith in the two gobby lasses screams desperation rather than expectation, but it's a clever little plot device, adding a bit of chemistry as well as humour.

Scuttling about in their snot-coloured Austin Allegro, even though this is still set in the present, best friends and fresh-faced label bosses Danny (Ralf Little) and Shay (Carl Rice) have a certain air of a Likely Lad skiving off work with a Gallagher brother, about them.

Among others, episode one held this deadpan gem: "So why did you get out of the music biz then?", Shay asks his ne'er-do-well dad Tony, played



LAUGH OUT LOUD: Ralf Little plays record label boss Danny in the BBC Three comedy Massive

by Johnny Vegas.

"I dunno, I think I just preferred stealing," came the honest self-assessment.

Catch part three of this excellent little prospect on Monday night, it deserves a bigger audience than it is probably getting.

And if you missed parts one and two, there's always BBC iPlayer for catching up in you're quick.

From the light to the more heavy duty, as perennial news debate show Question Time has returned for a new run.

With Gordon Brown looking like a Prime Minister on his last legs, the economy in freefall faster than Usain Bolt heading for the finish line, it should be a livelier than normal series.

The Beeb has livened it up in recent years with appearances from non politicians like Ian Hislop, David Mitchell and Marcus Brigstocke who usually show that if you're not bowing to the whims of focus groups every ten minutes, a little common sense can go a long way.

You may well enjoy it more than you would have first thought.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

EXPANDING your horizons makes you rely on your intuition more. That's what happens when you don't have experience to guide you. At times you'll make mistakes, but they'll prove to be valuable learning experiences. The most impressive name isn't necessarily the best one.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU'LL be working extra hard this week, attending to the thousands of details involved with a big project. This is one of those times where you have to be picky and demanding. People may not appreciate your exacting standards, but they will ultimately benefit from them.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOUR mind will be going a mile a minute. You're starting to reconsider whether the way you've been doing things is best for your current situation. Learning how to operate a machine or use a software programme could save you lots of time and money.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

BREAKING through a creative block could just be a matter of tuning into your subconscious. Pay attention to your dreams, they might give you a valuable clue about your next move. If you think you don't dream, it's just because you're not trained to remember your night visions.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOU'RE feeling especially sexy and alluring this week. Attracting romantic attention will be no trouble at all. Your problem will be fending off unwanted lovers. If you're already in a relationship, this would be a good week to inject some extra passion into the mix.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

THE idea of leaving a legacy has been playing on your mind. The important thing is to leave your mark on the world. Normally, you don't think in such serious terms, but this week could prove the exception to the rule. You're starting to realise you have been given unique gifts.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

MONEY matters will be your fiscal focus this week. It's very possible you're not being paid enough for your services. If your current employers aren't willing to pay what you're worth, look for a job elsewhere. A relative may try to pressure you to fit in with some arbitrary standard.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

GETTING involved with a humanitarian endeavour is a great idea. Recently, you've felt cut off from your fellow man, but this can be quickly changed once you join a charitable organisation. Working on behalf of those who need help will give you a renewed sense of purpose.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

IT won't be possible to make a move by yourself. You need help at every juncture. It's not very easy for you to admit you are overwhelmed, but do it anyway. People will be glad to come to your rescue. After all, you've had a long history of helping others out of jams.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

HAVING a secure base of operations has always been essential to your well-being. A bank loan could make all the difference. Moving in with a lover or having a child will make you even more determined to create a cosy comfortable cocoon of domestic life.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU'VE never looked or felt better. The confidence you radiate opens doors that were previously closed to you. If you've been thinking of changing your appearance, do so, but avoid permanent changes like piercings or tattoos just in case you change your mind in times to come.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

You're always interested in advancing your career, but you'll be especially focussed on success and progress this week. Perhaps an authority figure has stepped down, leaving a position open for you. Maybe you'll get wind of a job at an organisation you've always wanted to work for.

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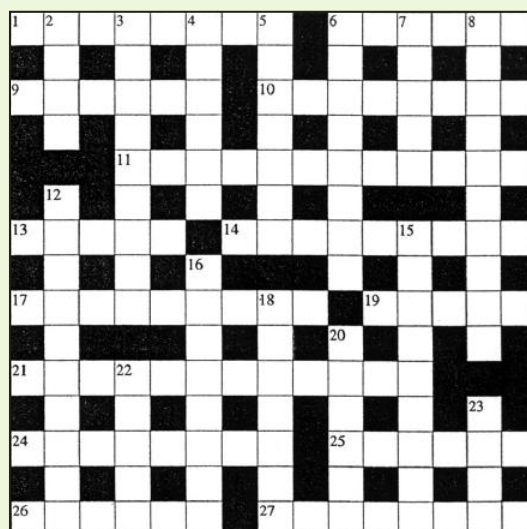
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- 1 Athlete's rehearsal? (5,3)
- 6 Flexible western dropout (6)
- 9 Guarantee one will give personal assurance (6)
- 10 Teaching pupils individually under guardianship (8)
- 11 Map of Waterloo? (4,2,6)
- 13 Lisa acquainted with inner man (5)
- 14 Clinging to such a garment (9)
- 17 Newspaper about to be put back by dictionary (9)
- 19 Moved along the English (5)
- 21 Give up TV for a toy (4-2-3-3)
- 24 I mark and log off the weight (8)
- 25 Boots I repaired for an instrumentalist (6)
- 26 Means business (6)
- 27 Gesture without words during pantomime (8)

DOWN

- 2 Split about four on the inside (4)
- 3 Does it fly under water or skid out of control in wet conditions? (9)
- 4 You cannot do this if it hasn't been warm previously (6)
- 5 Clear musical composition on grid (7)
- 6 Notice colour that hasn't dried (3,5)
- 7 Small detached area has tenants (5)
- 8 Compartment offering means of escape for bird first? (10)
- 12 Glance as it moves increasing rapidly (10)
- 15 Harmless beast entering pub promises to pay (9)
- 16 A stringy variety of fish (8)
- 18 Lately brought to light? (7)
- 20 Out in the garden perhaps (6)
- 22 Understood to be familiar (5)
- 23 Look after ducks in northern city (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 School holiday (4-4)
- 6 One owing money (6)
- 9 Motorboat (6)
- 10 Autumn month (8)
- 11 Signalling (12)
- 13 Sap (5)
- 14 Face the east (9)
- 17 Alpine flower (9)
- 19 Glib plausible talk (5)
- 21 Demagogue (6-6)
- 24 Stirred up public interest (8)
- 25 Refashion (6)
- 26 Soft breeze (6)
- 27 Dawn (8)

DOWN

- 2 Aside (4)
- 3 Very enthusiastic (9)
- 4 Breathe out (6)
- 5 Director (7)
- 6 Turned aside (8)
- 7 Official documents (5)
- 8 Each other (3,7)
- 12 Rectangular court (10)
- 15 High society (3-6)
- 16 Defector (8)
- 18 Rebuked (7)
- 20 A satyr (anag.) (6)
- 22 Bunch (5)
- 23 Acreage (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No54

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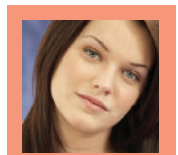
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WOMEN'S SPOTLIGHT

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE
29yr old professional single mum, OHAC, loves socialising, bowling and cuddles, WLTW a male, 30-36, to put a smile back on my face. Box 443894

IF YOU CAN REACH, TAKE ME OFF THE SHELF!
Pettie, dark-haired, blue-eyed female, 30, fun and friendly, bright and bubbly. Bored of being single, looking for a lovely man to take me out! Box 895349

NO TIMEWASTERS!
Easygoing female, 32, enjoys shopping, football, eating out, cosy night in, WLTW loving, caring white male 35-47 for long term loving relationship. Box 444214

WE COULD MAKE IT HAPPEN
Relaxed redhead, 32yr old, 5ft4, enjoys theatre, meals and cosy nights in, WLTW a male, 30-42, for a happy relationship. Box 442617

FUN-LOVING FEMALE
Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Turnbridge Wells. Box 308734

YOU WON'T REGRET IT
Curvy brunette, 31/4, hazel eyes, single mum, looking for that special passionate and caring man to share good times with. Box 443256

HISTORIC MEETING?
Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

SEIZE THE DAY
Attractive and friendly female, 36, caring, considerate, outgoing, loves to travel and walks on beaches, seeks similar male for potential long term romance. Box 442392

ALONG THE SHORE
Brunette female, 26yrs old, single mum, enjoys socialising, DIY, romantic moments and family activities, WLTW a male with similar interests for friendship, maybe more. Box 442393

SING WHEN YOU WINNING
Hiya, I'm 36, WLTW any solvent men for a serious relationship, I like going out and having a good laugh, pubs, karaoke... Box 889159

SEIZE THE DAY
Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

ANIMAL LOVER?
Nurse, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5ft8, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 431557

NO TIES
Lonely, bored, professional Turnbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTW slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573

DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)
Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, blonde, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sorts except cricket. Box 443084

READ ALL ABOUT IT
Pettie, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTW N/S man to share things with. Box 429682

A MOMENT LIKE THIS
Divorced female, 45, loyal, funny, curvaceous and very romantic, WLTW a faithful and funny guy for a relationship. Box 889366

SOULMATE SOUGHT
African descent female, 45, 5ft6, full figure, radiant, happy, attractive, loves music, theatre, travel, the arts, WLTW gentleman who is cultured, kind, solvent and fun. Box 443998

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN
Sociable female, 41, attractive & slim, looking for a honest, chilled guy who has time to spare and share! Box 887484

TOO MUCH TO ASK?
Genuine female, 41, 5'3", brunette, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meals out, music etc, seeks male, 38-42, for romance. Box 155275

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL
Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTW a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102

CAN YOU BE MY KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR?
Young looking 40yr old, 5ft7, green eyes, loves cinema, theatre, meals, cosy nights in, music, DVDs, seeking honest, loyal, good-looking male 35-45 with similar interests. Box 442999

LOVE AND HUGS REQUIRED
Fun-loving, curvaceous 42yr old, sports loving, slightly 'meat', lots of love to give, suffering from neglect. Needing TLC and hugs... can you help? Box 887854

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ATTRACTION BRUNETTE
Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378

CALL ME...
Honest caring lady, 43, single mum, medium build, blue-green eyes, streaked blonde hair, likes swimming, reading, cooking, wine, dining. WLTW fun-loving male for love. Box 442211

HOPE YOU FIT THE BILL...
Non-smoking Mum with GSOH, 50, 5ft3, blue eyes, medium-large build, loves music, gym, going out, travel, seeking down-to-earth, sincere guy. Box 442821

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Caring sensitive female, 39, looking for fun, friendly, outgoing male who likes astrology, walks, cinema, eating in/out and more. Box 444498

ON MANDY
Mandy, 38, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional man, WLTW honest, romantic N/S man. Box 432636

A NICE TOTLE OF WINE
Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTW a professional loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

ATTRACTIVE
Professional female, 43, enjoys dancing, walking, reading and cooking. WLTW an intelligent professional male, who can hold a good conversation, for a relationship. Box 444882

MISS JULIE
Bubbly blonde, 44, stupid and like having a laugh, good company, friendship, would like to meet new friends for hopeful love... Box 888162

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LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE
Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640

JUST IMAGINE
Pettie, bubbly, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things. WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

READ BETWEEN THE LINES
Blonde, 49, 5ft4, brown eyes, slim, enjoys music, dancing, dining in/out and gardening, GSOH, shy at first. Looking for honest man for friendship, maybe more. Box 904969

COAST AND COUNTRY
Hi, I'm a kind female, 52, slim, 5ft3, dark hair, I like music, dancing, reading, coast, countryside. Seeking kind, genuine man, 45-60, for LTR. Box 430032

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE
Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming. WLTW similar loving male. Box 434642

STROKE MY HAIR
Very young looking female, 53, 5ft6, slim, hazel eyes, wicked GSOH, loves the coast, sea, country, socialising, seeking fun-loving man for laughter and love. Box 444138

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COULD YOU BE THAT MAN?
Hi, I'm Sue, 53, 5ft11, size 14, N/S, enjoys walks and meals in/out, seeking a male to find happiness with. Box 443934

SOPHISTICATED SUE
56, 5ft10, 5ft4, green eyes, enjoys cooking, holidays, reading and swimming, WLTW a tall professional male, similar age, for friendship, romance. Box 443309

BETWEEN US
Out going, friendly woman, 56, blonde hair/blue eyes, I like doing fun things, having a laugh, walks, nights out, holidays etc. Box 444546

LOVING AND GENUINE
Female, early 60s, fit, slim, modern, young thinking & very adaptable to people, own house, loves animals, walking & eating out. Hastings. Box 440502

TO MAKE EACH OTHER HAPPY
Widow, 65, 5ft3, fair hair, slim-medium build, enjoys dancing, sports, badminton, table-tennis, walking, theatre, eating out, WLTW similar male, honest, caring, to enjoy life with. Box 443671

Women seeking women

ROCKING RELATIONSHIP
Fun-loving female, 28, in the Canterbury area, short brown hair, brown eyes, looking to meet fun-loving females for potential relationship. Box 889771

CANDLELIT CUDDELES!
40-year-old gay woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate and people in places, muddy walks and cosy nights in, WLTW gay woman for friendship/relationship. Box 894541

ATTRACTIVE, BUBBLY LADY
52yrs, 5ft6, blonde, size 12 enjoys good food/wine, theatre, countryside, holidays, seeking a sincere, genuine female, for friendship first, possibly relationship. Box 414143



MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

FRIENDLY & DOWN-TO-EARTH
Mark, 35, attractive single dad, love spending time with my children, going to the cinema, eating out, WLTW similar female, for friendship, love. Gillingham. Box 443495

MORE THAN WORDS
35yr old guy, 5ft11, brown hair/eyes, a builder. I enjoy the cinema, pub, eating out, walks, swimming, cosy nights. Seeking fun woman with similar interests. Box 444429

CALL ME UP...
Civil servant, 36, caring, sharing, GSOH, brown eyes, short brown hair, 5ft11, likes the gym, pub, travelling, reading, cooking, music, seeking female with GSOH. Box 444450

SECURITY AND WARMTH
I'm 35, 6ft, have a beautiful 3yr old little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and make a new life with... Box 896178

GOOD SPORT
Happy, secure, sincere, honest, outgoing, adventurous, fit, fun man, 34, likes to travel, kayak surfing, skiing, WLTW compatible female for friendship, possible LTR. Box 960818

EVERYTHING I DO
Lee, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTW a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720

REAL MAN
Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTW like-minded, genuine female, Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430402

WORKING OVERTIME
Self-employed male, 37, 6ft1, short brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, enjoy the gym, pubs, clubs, restaurants, WLTW female for long term relationship. Box 443666

HERE I AM!
I'm Stuart, 38, 6ft6, short dark hair, stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking a fun-loving, nice lady for loyalty and love. Box 437108

LET'S SEE IF WE CLICK
Athletic male, 38, 5ft9, brown hair green eyes, likes the gym, stays in shape, into salsa, wining/dining, the theatre, walks, WLTW slim female for love. Box 444414

ALWAYS YOURS
Pleasant male, 39, 6ft tall, medium build, brown hair, enjoys rock music and socialising, WLTW a genuine lady for a fun friendship, maybe more. Box 441326

WORKAHOLIC SEEKS COUNTRY GIRL
Hi, I'm 40, down to earth, reliable, honest, like keeping fit, going out, walks out, watching movies, seeking similar lady for lasting love & happiness. Box 889945

SIMON SAYS...
Caring single dad, 41, 5'10", average build, young-looking, WLTW lady for friendship evenings out, maybe more. Recently quit smoking! E Sussex. Box 963530

OPEN ARMS
Confident male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single dad, own home, loves cooking, going out, sports, WLTW someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 414141

SILVER SERVICE!
Caring, understanding, not bad-looking, romantic male, 42, grey-haired, fair hair, stocky, enjoys cooking, quiet nights in, seeks female, for romance, possible more. Box 157789

DON'T GO BREAKING MY HEART
Very easygoing, laid-back male, 43, 5ft9, slim, hard-working, likes honest, socialising, eating out, evenings in, seeking loving, caring, honest, sincere female for love. Box 443719

COME FLY WITH ME
Honest male, 43, dark hair/blue eyes, 5ft6, likes cinema, walks, holidays, restaurants, seeking romance, love, the woman of my dreams 34-54 for relationship and more. Box 443967

COULD THIS BE LOVE?
I'm Phil, 43, 5'8", athletic build, good appearance, easygoing, nice guy, loyal, caring, seeking similar female 28-42 to find love with! Hastings. Box 443688

LOVE ME DO
Caring, loving male, 43, average looks, self-employed, enjoys wildlife, golf, gardening, WLTW petite female, 30-40, for LTR. Box 444063

TRY ANYTHING ONCE
Tall chap, 44, medium build, interests: walking, reading, swimming. I would love to meet nice, honest & caring lady. Box 444566

GOOD GUY, GOOD GUY
Good guy, 44, 5ft8, medium build, non smoker, big brown eyes/dark hair, I work unsociable hours but would love to make time for the right person. Box 444540

MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE
Prodad, 44, 5ft8, blue eyes, brown hair, slim, likes the gym, golf, mountain biking, WLTW shorter lady with nice personality, GSOH, for potential love. Box 443688

DEAR CUPID
Outgoing male, 47, very young-minded, enjoys sports, football, playing golf, loves nice wine, meals; seeking kind, easygoing lady for love & happiness! Box 439354

TLC NEEDED ASAP
Genuine hard-working male, 47, slim, good looking, 5ft8, into most things, sports, pubs, meals, socialising, gardening, DIY, walks, naps, WLTW E Kent female for laughs and more. Box 444407

ALL FOR LOVE
Single guy from Kent, 47, young-looking, young-looking, 5ft8, short dark hair, brown eyes, average looks, likes golf, cinema, days out, seeking similar female. Box 444401

WHY WAIT?
Clean shaven, happy male, 45, stocky build, 5'10", smoker, single dad, blue eyes, looking for friendship/companionship, leading to a LTR. Halsham Box 409782

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!
Young dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, slim build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, WLTW female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR. Cranbrook Box 737529

TACTILE, FUNNY AND LOYAL
Dave, 48, tall, slim, brown hair, clean and tidy, loves being in love, looking for a feminine, funny and feisty female for friendship and more. Box 887484

THE TOGETHER
Out going, sporty, 48yr old guy, 6ft, blue eyes, medium build, I'm an engineer and have a motorbike. I'd love to meet an out going woman. Box 444561

NEVER TOO LATE
Young at heart 48yr old male, active with many interests, WLTW a caring and loving female, 45-55, for a LTR. Fyfe Box 443463

PASSION FLOWER
Slim, single Scorpio male, 49, intelligent, warm with a wicked sense of humour, honest, passionate guy, looking for a similar woman. Box 892156

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Single male, 44, bi, seeking similar older male who enjoys drinks, film, music and more for good times and possible relationship. Box 444381

FUN TIMES
35yr old male, looking for fun with an attractive man. I'm good looking, with a nice personality. Box 443636

RYE HERE, RYE NOW!
42yr old male, blue eyes, shaved head, enjoys eating out, socialising, art and theatre, WLTW a male, 35-50, for a long-term relationship. Box 444165

SIMILAR TASTES
Looking for like-minded male, I'm a 42yr old guy, 5ft11, green eyes, short dark hair, medium build. I'm into music, films, theatre, sport. Box 444465

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ON GENERAL RELEASE

TROPIC THUNDER (15)



Ben Stiller is pampered action superstar Tugg Speedman, who is cast in the biggest, most expensive war movie ever produced. Speedman sets out to Southeast Asia with a Who's Who of celebrity co-stars. Soon after the production begins the actors are thrown into a real-life situation and forced to become the fighting unit they're portraying, in order to find a way out of the jungle in one piece.

THEN SHE FOUND ME (15)



April Epner (Helen Hunt), teacher and all-around child-lover, is having a bad time. Her husband, Ben (Matthew Broderick), has announced he doesn't feel comfortable being married. Meanwhile, April is having problems of her own. Things don't get better when she meets her mum, Bernice (Bette Midler), who wants to make up for 39 years of lost bonding.

BOY IN THE STRIPED PYJAMAS (12A)



Bruno, the son of a Nazi concentration camp commandant, and his sister Gretel live in a mansion, but are one day suddenly moved to a place called Out-With (Auschwitz). Bruno, outraged by his father's decision to move and desperate to go home, spends his time in his room. In boredom, he wonders what is going on at Out-With and why people are always dressed in striped pyjamas there.

Eva's keeping it real

BY ELLIE GENOWER

HOLLYWOOD may be awash with botox, boob jobs and face lifts, but not every actress is caving into the pressure to be surgically enhanced and stick-thin.

In fact, despite being nicknamed Bugsy when she was growing up because of her prominent teeth, Eva Mendes is more than happy in her own skin.

"I'm definitely not a stick figure," she says frankly.

"I've always maintained the weight I've wanted to maintain. I make my own rules. I decided when I first started that I wasn't going to change for anybody, whether it was my name or my teeth or whatever. This is it and this is what you get. I feel like people respect you – especially men – more in this industry, when you're not the vision of perfection, yet you're your own vision, your own kind of unique individual."

Society's growing lust for fame and notoriety is one of the themes of Eva's new film *Live!*, in which she plays a television executive under pressure to bring her network bigger ratings.

The character, Katy, hits on the idea of the ultimate reality show. Called *Live!*, it features six contestants playing Russian roulette with a revolver. Five of its six chambers are loaded with bullets and during the show the cylinder is randomly turned, with the six firing the gun at their heads until one is killed.

"It's a film which comments on this reality TV culture we're all in," Eva explains. "My character is one of these women who is very hungry but she's also been hired to bring her network to number



STYLE: Eva Mendes decided from the start that she wouldn't change for anybody

one. So I actually admire her for having the balls to step up in a man's world. I know I've certainly had to struggle to keep my head above water in a man's world and to prevail, while still keeping my dignity and femininity intact.

"A lot of women are going to be able to relate to her in a sense, even if she goes a little further than most of us would."

Eva says she hopes the film will get audiences thinking.

"What we're left with is a really thought provoking film which makes you think, 'Is that right?', 'Is that disgusting?', 'It is disgusting but is it freedom of speech?'. 'There are so many questions that pop up. I don't have any answers. It ends up very open ended and I like that, because it lets the audience decide what's right or wrong.'

Living in Los Angeles, Eva tries not to embrace her own fame too much. She has managed to live a fairly low-key existence, working her way up through Hollywood with films like *Hitch*, *Once Upon A Time in Mexico* and *We Own the Night* with Joaquin Phoenix and Mark Wahlberg.

She has been dating her producer boyfriend George Gargurevich for six years and manages to mostly live under the radar.

She temporarily found herself the subject of some unwanted publicity when she was admitted to rehab back in February for 'personal issues' – but the topic remains strictly off-limits today.

But as her profile continues to grow with upcoming movies including *The Women* with Meg Ryan and *The Spirit* with Samuel L Jackson, she may find her privacy in the face of the ever-lurking Los Angeles paparazzi a little more precious.



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On track for a close encounter

BY JACK DOYLE

ADVENTURE lovers are sure to be spoilt for choice in Nepal.

You can hike the peaks of the Himalayas, paraglide off vertical rock-faces, ride mountain bikes down the biggest mountains in the world and speed down cliff-lined gorges in an inflatable raft, with only a foot-long plastic oar between you and oblivion.

Nepal is such a popular destination with Saga the travel company has relaxed its rules to carry 40-year-olds, providing they are the travelling companions of somebody over 50.

After a comfortable business class flight to Kathmandu, it was only a short flight due west to Nepal's famous Royal Chitwan National Park.

After a short river crossing, a four-wheel drive vehicle carried us to the Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge and with only a few hours before sunset, we met the creatures that would be both our means of transport and our expert tiger-finding devices.

Towering above our group was Bob, also known as Shamsher Gaj, an elegant Indian elephant; a 27-year-old, nine-and-a-half feet tall, five ton beast, to keep us safe from the ferocious Bengal tiger.

The best views of Bengal tigers are to be enjoyed from Bob's back, allegedly, but our guide Danny, standing fearlessly on Bob's lower back, explained that an elephant which smells a tiger will, given half the chance, leg it the other way pronto. To discourage him, the



TALL ORDER: Elephants are both the perfect means of transport and excellent tiger finders, apparently

driver must prod his ears: Left ear, left. Right ear, right. Both ears, forward – easy.

The vegetation is dense and lush. Thin, tall stalks of elephant grass brush my feet. Exotic birds fly overhead. As we cross the river, running low in the dry season, the sand bank

reveals traces of the jungle's inhabitants. Then some excitement: tiger tracks! They're as clear as in a children's book. Surely we'll find a tiger now? But no, three hours later, still without tiger but rather saddle-sore from the pursuit, we pack it in for the night and return to our base camp. Tomorrow we'll look again.

Calling it base camp probably doesn't do our accommodation justice. At the Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge they do a spectacular job of keeping you comfortable, despite the remoteness and eco-friendly rules.

Its spacious rooms are built from local materials and hot water comes to the en-suite bathrooms twice a day. Nights are cold in Nepal, so the hot-water bottle is a nice touch. They serve delicious Nepali food, similar to Indian but with less oil and fewer spices, inside a giant Gol Ghar or round house, heated with a huge fire in the middle.

After a night's solid rest, we're back on the tiger trail. It's quiet and still, apart from Bob's chewing. We come to an opening in the trees and there's a monkey, pointing and gibbering. Ha, ha, the silly monkey, we laugh, and then realise it's pointing at the massive tiger right in front of us!

The tiger is insouciant. It looks up, has a think, stretches a little and turns around. The encounter only lasted a minute or so but left such a clear impression. It's a stunning beast. Muscular and proud, fierce and yet completely cool. As we gaze, more than a little awestruck, the tiger prowls off, silent but deadly.

That evening we toast our tiger-chasing exploits and prepare the lurid tales to tell on our return.

FACT FILE: NEPAL



Time difference UK plus 5 hrs 45 mins

Capital Kathmandu

Population 29.52 million

Language Nepali, English widely spoken

Climate Subtropical in lowland areas

Religion Hinduism

Currency £1 approx 130.65 rupees

Travel details

- Jack Doyle was a guest of Saga, which operates 12-night In Search of the Royal Bengal Tiger between September and April from £1,699, with Gulf Air scheduled flights. Package includes Saga's hassle-free UK travel service.
- Package also includes excursions and activities; B&B accommodation, six lunches and eight dinners, and insurance/cancellation cover.
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PROPERTY NEWS

Improving now easier as Flint relaxes the planning laws

THE Government has relaxed planning permission rules for home-owners looking to build extensions.

Under the changes, people planning to extend for the first time will be able to do so without needing to pay to up to £1,000 to be granted specific planning permission.

As a result, some 80,000 of all householder applications will be removed from the planning system each year.

However, larger extension will still need permission.

Housing minister Caroline Flint said: "I am scrapping the red tape so it is much easier to convert the loft into that extra bedroom and build on an extension."

"Often people grow out of the family home, but now those who don't really want to move will find it easier to improve instead."

Want to save £15,000 on stamp duty?

BARRATT, the UK's largest house-builder is offering incentives to new home-buyers.

Following on from the Government's decision to implement a stamp duty holiday on properties up to a value of £175,000, Barratt is offering to pay the three per cent stamp duty charged on new Barratt homes worth between £250,000 and £300,000.

This initiative could save buyers up to £15,000 on the purchase.

In addition, Barratt will pay the one per cent levy imposed when buyers select a home worth between £175,000 and £250,000.

The incentives offered also include the promise to refund any losses on a home bought between now and Christmas if the buyer sells at a loss in the next three years.

New home-buyers have a good deal to shout about



HARD SELL: Building work on new homes has slowed... but incentives and price cuts mean that the keys to a brand new house have become increasingly tempting

Incentives could be key to getting on housing ladder

HOME-builder Redrow is the latest to launch incentives to tempt buyers.

While builders across the county have been slashing prices on new homes – you can buy a two-bedroom home brand new in Herne Bay for under £100,000 – Redrow says that with a range of help, advice and incentives available under the badge of 'reassurance', those who do make the move now can find some excellent value in the market.

The credit crunch has hit the business nationwide, but some areas, including Kent, have seen a less dramatic drop in prices due to desirability of residence and a market which was not overstretched to begin with.

But as the market slowed some areas report

■ BY NICK AMES

it's not all bad – one estate agent in Cheriton sold five house in a week, which is better than last year.

Redrow is typical of new home builders anxious to ensure the housing market continues to expand and aggressive marketing will see continued competition for the buyers hard-won mortgage cash.

Neil Fitzsimmons, chief executive of Redrow, said: "It's a time of opportunity for home-buyers to take advantage of attractive deals that are currently available and secure themselves a brand new home that will also save them money on heating and fuel bills."

"Our ability to help with a deposit, stamp duty and other moving costs, to maybe take a customer's existing property in part-exchange, or allowing them to defer up to 25 per cent of the initial purchase price for up to 10 years on selected plots, gives new homes the edge over the secondhand market."

"We are offering confident solutions to any barriers to purchase. At a time of rising energy prices, new homes have been shown to save people up to £556 per annum on fuel costs – and that was before the latest large increase in gas and electricity costs."

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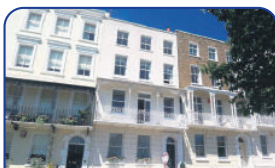
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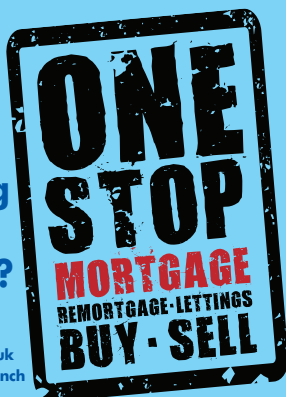


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MOTORS NEWS



Kent Skoda dealers get Superb curtain-raiser

SKODA dealers across Kent have staged major launch events for the all-new Superb family/executive model as the Czech brand goes all out to attack the Ford Mondeo sector.

The newcomer, with its distinctive boot cum hatchback feature, also maintains Skoda's reputation for value with prices from £15,490.

Skoda has also upped the spec on its hot Octavia vRS hatchback with £1,100 of equipment including 18-inch 'Zenith' alloys, dual zone climate control, jumbo box central armrest with auxiliary MP3 socket, rear electric windows and cruise control.



Baileys' zero per cent an attractive proposition

CREDIT crunch-busting deals starting from zero per cent finance have been unveiled by Baileys Nissan of Canterbury to cover the Japanese brand's car and 4x4 ranges.

These include the multiple award-winning Qashqai crossover, the X-Trail SUV, the clever Note five-door family model and the funky and economical Micra supermini line-up (from ££6,995).

Brian Smith of Baileys Nissan said: "We're inviting customers to come along to the dealership and browse our great range of cars at competitive prices."



Deft new stroke could be a mini masterpiece

CITROËN calls its new C3 Picasso a 'baby MPV', but there are echoes of off-road styling in here as well as the rural functionality of Citroën classics such as the Dyane and Ami.

In a market now obsessed by more space and mileage for your money though, its chunky style will be rather less important than how well the long and airy cabin lives up to the versatility of Citroën's Picasso MPV sub-branding when it arrives early next year.



STANDING OUT: Daihatsu's cut-price mini people carrier the Materia has impressed many observers with its enormous interior and paltry price – starting at £10,995

Cut-price Daihatsu has us living in the Materia world

ROAD TEST DAIHATSU MATERIA

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

space as required, while reclining is not only good for adult passengers on long journeys but better for fitting child seats.

Pushing the rear seats right back and then reclining the front ones creates a decent bed settee too. Headroom and cabin storage is excellent, but the car's spaciousness – its biggest selling point – loses impact through a universally black interior.

A short overhang/long wheelbase chassis gives the Materia a decent ride and grip though it does wallow a bit on the bends when laden.

Mind you, the five-speed manual shift – a four-speed auto is also offered – is a bit too wafty for spirited driving, while the 102bhp 1.5-litre petrol engine is willing, but lets you know about it under acceleration although motorway cruising is acceptable.

The unit's 169g/km of CO2 emissions also places the car in a relatively high road tax banding costing £170/year.

The centre-mounted speedo and tiny indicator repeaters paired with a feeble audible warning do not make the driver's job easy either, but you cannot ignore the Materia's value, space or sense of fun.

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Official Government Environmental Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km). Matiz 1.0 SE: Urban - 39.2 (7.2), Extra-urban - 60.1 (4.7), Combined - 50.4 (5.6), CO2 emissions 137g/km. Aveo 1.2 S 3dr: Urban - 39.2 (7.2), Extra-urban - 61.4 (4.6), Combined - 51.4 (5.5), CO2 emissions 132g/km. Lacetti 1.6 SX 5dr: Urban - 30.7 (9.2), Extra-urban - 47.8 (5.9), Combined - 39.7 (7.1), CO2 emissions 170g/km.



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NISSAN MICRA



SUPERMINI design has become formulaic in recent years, so Nissan gains lots of credit for daring to be different with the Micra. It's an eye-catcher inside and out and facelifts have maintained its cheeky appeal. Engine options are impressive throughout the range, including some excellent Renault-sourced diesels. The Sunderland-built three and five-door line-up also includes a coupé convertible and lively and trendy Sport range with a flagship, the 160SR, to rival cars like the Mini One and Ford Zetec S.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HONDA CR-V



HONDA's refined sports utility vehicle (SUV) enjoyed a boost when the second generation line-up gained a much needed diesel option. This helped make it more popular even though it is not quite as stylish as its predecessor. It was also more spacious and capable, drove well, and was produced to a high standard at Honda's highly efficient Swindon plant. It was replaced recently by a smarter and less utilitarian CR-V that Honda hopes will avoid the environmental backlash against 4x4s.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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Quality	★★★★★

TOYOTA AVENTIS



TOYOTA has built three generations of its family car model at a plant near Derby, but the latest Avensis – following the first generation Avensis and dull Carina E – is more than just an ultra-reliable company hack with some good diesel options. There is much Lexus luxury engineering underneath, allowing the Avensis to attack the market share of the Ford Mondeo and Vauxhall Vectra. The estate drives well and carries a decent load too, though unadventurous styling keeps Avensis prices affordable.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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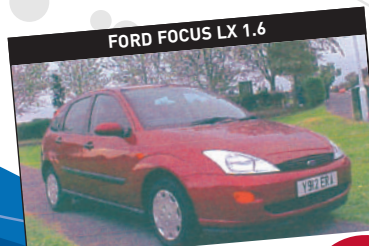
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PEUGEOT 206 VERVE, 1.4 ltr, 5 door hatchback, FSH, Moonstone colour, 21,400 miles, £5,500 RING Julie 01795 532008 (PRIVATE)

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307, 1.6 16v Rapier (a/c) Hatchback 5d 1587cc (2001), 03, a/con, c/r, pas, e/w etc, blue, miles, £4499.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

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806, ix hdi, 2001, silver, 87000 miles, £4195, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

807, 2004, red, 23535 miles, £8295, WJ King Vauxhall, Woolwich, 020 8854 8161 (TRADE)

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9-3, Linear T1D 1.9, oct 2004 g154wdc, two previous keepers, power steering, remote central locking, air conditioning, electric windows, radio/cd player, twin & side airbags, abs brakes, engine immobiliser, car alarm, on-board computer, tinted glass, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, alloy wheels, silver metallic, 32,000 miles, £9,495, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

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Jenny Spooner, our Personnel Manager, is administering the appointment process. Please email her for details at jennifer.spooner@marloweacademy.co.uk, as well as the chance to tour the Academy with our Principal, Ian Johnson.

The closing date for applications is Friday 10th October 2008.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Curriculum Support Assistant within Health, Public Services and Care

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08/136

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Lecturer Administration to Level 3 and Cross College Key Skills

08/73

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Ref: SE01

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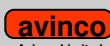
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Creativity rewarded by awards shortlist

INTEGRATED marketing agency Adams Creative, which has offices in Maidstone and Ashford, has made the short list for the B2B Marketing Awards 2008.

It has been recognised for the "excellent" results it achieved for United Trust Bank in 2007.

Managing director Mike Adams said: "I'm thrilled that my team's hard work has been recognised by the judges."

The agency created a cost-effective lead generation campaign to promote United Trust Bank's bridging loan product, and generated results in a highly competitive marketplace.

The awards are owned and operated by B2B Marketing magazine.

Adams Creative made the short list in the 'Best limited budget campaign' category.

The winners will be announced at a gala dinner in London on November 6.

What's the big idea?

KENT small businesses with big ideas to tackle climate change are being urged to compete for awards of up to £40,000 each through the Shell Springboard programme, which is in its fourth year.

Up to six awards of between £20,000 and £40,000 are on offer in each of three UK regions, including southern England and East Anglia.

Last year awards of £40,000 were made to five businesses across the UK.

The deadline for entries is November 7. Full details and an online application form can be found at www.shellsspringboard.org.

Making a difference

A HOST of Kent charities has been given £50 each by the Yorkshire Building Society, which has branches in Chatham, Canterbury and Bexleyheath.

The handouts came from cash raised in Together We Make A Difference Week, in June, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the society's Charitable Foundation.

Customers and the public were invited to call into any of Yorkshire's 135 branches and 65 agencies to nominate their favourite local charity to receive a cash boost.



BRIDGING THE GAP? North Kent should benefit from the development and investment plans put in place as part of the Thames Gateway scheme, according to one property professional

ONE of Kent's leading property experts says the Thames Gateway and the northern part of the county are strongly placed for when the market bounces back – and claims investors are on the prowl for bargains.

James Pilcher, chairman and founding director of Caxtons chartered surveyors, which operates across the county, said property is at least tangible – it doesn't disappear.

He told a packed meeting that most people had benefited from substantial value rises during the boom years and that property would recover as would the economy.

He said: "Recessions do end, we know that, it is just a question of when."

He added: "Also the real silver lining is that this is a time of opportunity for investors with cash and equity. And there are lots of investors in this position."

"My investment clients are coming back into the market and they are looking at best buys in the residential property sector as well as commercial properties that have potential, such as half finished schemes, attractive

■ BY TONY PATEY

yield properties and land with planning or potential."

But he cautioned: "In times such as this it is important to take care, particularly with over-rented properties, high-risk tenants and secondary properties that look cheap but have little long-term potential."

He emphasised that while the property market was extremely difficult and challenging, business was still being done: "It's harder to achieve deals and not so exciting, but there are plenty of projects to work on and we are all getting on with it."

Mr Pilcher said that while the boom times could not go on for ever, "the hangover we are experiencing is proving to be a very big one, with no sign of a quick bounce back."

While the hope had been that north Kent would, as a Government-designated development area and with the 2012 Olympics looming, be insulated from the downturn, the reality was that "when things get bad they get bad across the board".

But the brighter news was that north Kent and the Thames Gateway was, he hoped, much better placed for when the

market starts to recover. He was guest speaker at a Property and Construction Club breakfast meeting, the fourth such get-together organised by law firm Thomson Snell and Passmore and Thames Gateway Property and Construction.

It was attended by more than 60 delegates from the region.

Looking at the market over the last 18 months, he said commercial investment sales volumes were down 50 per cent, commercial values were down 10 to 20 per cent – Bluewater alone had recently been down-valued 12 per cent – and occupier demand had weakened.

The residential property market was in an even bleaker state, with sales values down 50 per cent overall but probably nearer 70 per cent in recent months. About 4,000 estate agents had already lost their jobs and Halifax, the country's leading agent, had shut 53 branches.

He said: "Certainly on the commercial side, occupiers are going to continue to be very important over the coming months and landlords are likely to cling to them, offering incentives and lower rents."

Mr Pilcher thought Government moves to underpin parts of the property market would probably not be enough to hasten recovery.

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Margate course hosts top national contest



MINI: Margate hosted four British Minigolf Association tournaments

STROKES Adventure Golf Course in Margate played host to four British Minigolf Association tournaments over three days, including the prestigious 11th British Open.

In the traditional warm-up to the British Open, 31 players competed in the BMGA Players' Championship in a Strokeplay/ Matchplay format over three rounds.

Andy Exall from Tunbridge Wells took the title with a play-off win at the third extra-hole over Kent Minigolf Club's Sean Homer.

Exall said "The Players Championship win was very satisfying, rounds of 33 then a 32 (which equalled the BMGA course record) in the final were very nice. The

MINIGOLF

final fourball was great fun with all players swapping the lead until the final hole, which Seanaced to force a play-off with myself."

The Margate course also played host to the annual International Players Championship, with 14 players competing over three rounds.

Sweden's Mattias Stahl won the event, equalling the course record 31 that he set in 2007. Second was Torgny Kjellstrom, also of Sweden, and in joint third place were Olivia Prokopova from the Czech Republic and Sweden's Bjorn Dinau.

Defending champion Rocky Bullin

retained his British Junior Championship title with a two round total of 73 with Matthew Harding in second place with 88 and Adam Kelly in third with 92.

In the two-day BMGA British Open, it was Mattias Stahl of Sweden who took the title with a seven round total of 238.

The 64 strong field contained players from the UK and also from countries including Sweden, the Czech Republic, Germany and Finland.

Exall finished in 5th place with 250.

During play, two new course records were set, with Ted McIver scoring a new UK record of 31 in his fifth round and Sweden's Bjorn Dinau setting a score of 30 as the new all-time record in his sixth round.

Striker May help boost the Rams

JIM Ward has strengthened Ramsgate's strike force by negotiating the loan of Jay May from Bromley.

The 22-year-old Dartford-born striker joined Bromley in June after helping his home town club to the Ryman Division One North title last season.

May began his career in Dartford's youth section but joined Tonbridge Angels in 2004/05 where he won promotion to the Ryman Premier Division in 2006 before rejoining The Darts.

The striker, who featured in Saturday's draw with Staines Town, has signed a short-term deal with the possibility of making a permanent switch.

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Andy Henthall was among a team of legends in a charity match at Bromley

Poor start to season for the Ville ladies

CLIFTONVILLE ladies lost their opening hockey game of the Kent Premier League season, 2-1 at Tunbridge Wells.

The Thanet side, who earned promotion last season, had a nervous start, conceding an early goal from open play.

Not disheartened, Ville's nerves began to settle and they relaxed into their game, working hard off the ball and creating some good passing play.

Ville took control in the second half and scored a well-worked goal through Kay Saunders.

Ville's jubilation was short lived however, when Wells built another attack and converted a short corner.

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ALMOST: Leading scorer Mo Takaloo (left) was on target again for the Rams, while midfielder Ben Brown (right) put in another good display on the wing for the home side

Late Takaloo strike earns Rams share of the spoils

FOOTBALL

■ BY YOUR THANET REPORTER

Ramsgate 1 Staines Town 1

from the left found the former Margate man, but a stretched tackle from Thomas Dean prevented Eastwood from pulling the trigger.

Staines almost took the lead in the 29th minute when a curling free-kick from Andre Scarlett came off the Rams crossbar.

Brown was causing mayhem on the left and his cross in the 35th minute was met by Takaloo, but his header went straight into the goalkeeper's arms.

After the interval, chances were created at both ends, with Delo pulling off a fine save in the Rams goal from Butler after 54 minutes, and at the other end Sutton's 22-yard shot

skipped the Staines post. However, the visitors grabbed a 56th-minute lead when a neat flick from Elliot Onochie reached Butler, who this time made no mistake in dispatching past Delo.

The second half continued with end-to-end football until, in the 80th minute, a Delo free-kick was flicked on by debutant Jay May to Takaloo, who met the ball on the turn and volleyed it past Wells.

Then, almost five minutes into stoppage time, Rams almost took the spoils when a shot from May appeared to be heading for the top corner, but another fine dive across the goal by Wells saw the stopper tip it over the bar.

The draw was Ramsgate's fourth of the season and it maintains their position in 15th spot.

• The Rams were in action last night away to Ryman Premier leaders Dover Athletic. For a full report and reaction from Crabble, visit www.yourthanet.co.uk.

Michael shows fans he has the Power

FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

Ashford Town (Middx) 0 Margate 1

BARRY Ashby believes Margate fans will now begin to see the best of striker Michael Power after he scored his first goal for the club at the weekend.

The forward, who signed from Ryman South side Cray Wanderers in the summer, has had a stop-start beginning to his career with the Blues but after 90 minutes at Ashford, Ashby feels he will only get better.

Ashby told Your thanet: "He has been in and out with injuries and has not had the consistent season we would have hoped for.

"He is now getting over that and will be all the better for getting 90 minutes under his belt.

"He took his goal well and also hit the bar."

With injuries to Pat Mullin and Scott Chalmers-Stevens, Ashby and assistant Paul Smith were forced to go into the loan market to get a new goalkeeper for Saturday's game.

The Gate boss managed to secure

Lee Butcher on-loan from Tottenham in time for his debut, while new signing Danny Kerrigan featured on the left.

Throughout the whole game Margate looked the better side and created the best chances against a side that had led the division for the opening weeks of the season.

Butcher made one good save in the opening period but equally Power had two good chances to open the scoring when he had one cleared off the line, and another effort with his head that went just over the bar from six yards.

It was in the middle period of the second half that Margate scored the only goal of the game.

Former Ebbsfleet midfielder Danny Stubbs chased what looked to be a lost cause on the right.

He found striker Kenny Pratt with a cross who played the ball into the path of Power and the Margate forward smashed the ball into the Ashford goal from 10 yards.

The hosts went close with a counter attack and Pratt was denied by the Ashford goalkeeper. Despite being under pressure for the final ten minutes, the Blues held on to record a deserved win.

The three points helped move the Blues up two places to 18th in the Ryman Premier League.

• The Blues were in action at home to Tonbridge Angels last night. For a full report and reaction from Ashby, visit www.yourthanet.co.uk.



SCORE: Michael Power's performance is hopefully a sign of things to come

Picture courtesy of MARGATE FC



TURNING POINT: Boss Barry Ashby is hoping that Margate's win over Ashford will give the team a boost

Ashby urges caution after Ashford win

FOOTBALL

MARGATE manager Barry Ashby is refusing to get carried away after his side produced a superb performance at Ashford Town (Middx) over the weekend.

The Blues boss watched his side put in their best performance of the season so far, but Ashby knows they have to string together a few results if they are to climb the league.

He said: "From front to back we defended properly. As a whole I think we competed well against a good Ashford side that are up there for a reason.

"We now have to take that on and keep it going. This can only be a turning point for us if we keep doing things properly and keep it simple.

"We had a disappointing result in the Cup last weekend and we could have felt sorry for ourselves, but we didn't.

"It was a show of character, but we have a young team and it is probably more a question of consistency as we set our standards high.

"I think on the whole we deserve more points than we have got this season."

After having seen his side face some of the Ryman Premier League heavyweights already this season, Ashby has been pleasantly surprised by the quality of football in the division.

He said: "I think it is a better league than people give it credit for. It is non-league and the clubs are part-time, but the football is a lot better than you would think and so are the players.

"We have played some really good teams so far, but none of them have really played us off the park.

"I do not want to set standards, but I want us to finish as high as possible. We are a new team and it will take time for the players to gel.

"I have really enjoyed managing, but I must say it is more hard work than I thought it would be. I only do it on a part-time basis, but it is more like full-time now."

Picture: DAVE STEWART

Wanderers rue missed opportunities

RUGBY

Thanet Wanderers 20 Cobham 27

THANET Wanderers were narrowly beaten by Cobham in an evenly matched affair at St Peter's at the weekend.

The visitors took an early lead when their centre, Fisher, went over for the first try of the game after five minutes, the kick was then converted by Cobham's full-back, Cowell, to make the score 7-0.

However, Thanet came back and made some good breaks and were unfortunate a number of times not to score.

Wanderers' best break came from a turnover at the scrum, and quick hands and a presence of mind by Tom Longdon allowed Tom Ash to score under the posts for Thanet's first try of the new London South East 2 season.

The conversion was duly kicked by Richard Eldridge to make the score 7-7.

Cobham then had the majority of the possession for the rest of the first half, with winger Nick Jones going over for a try in the corner and Cowell kicking



IN VAIN: Tom Ash scored Thanet Wanderers' first try in London South East 2 but it wasn't enough to prevent them losing to Cobham

the conversion and two penalties to give the visitors a healthy lead, with the score at 20-7.

Ash was unlucky not to score his second try of the game towards the end of the half, when it was judged that he knocked the ball on after ripping it out of a player's hand.

Thanet started off the second half strong with Eldridge scoring two penalties which nar-

rowed the points score to 13-20. Thanet looked to be coming back into the game, with another break by Ash, who was pushed into touch before he could go over the line.

Cobham came back to break through Thanet's defence once more with fly half Taylor scoring under the posts. The conversion duly kicked, taking the score to 13-27.

With all things pointing towards the loss, the fans were only left to wonder if the Thanet players had anything more to give.

The answer came in the form of Ash who made one of his trademark breaks down the wing to score. The conversion was missed and the Wanderers slumped to their first defeat of the campaign.

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